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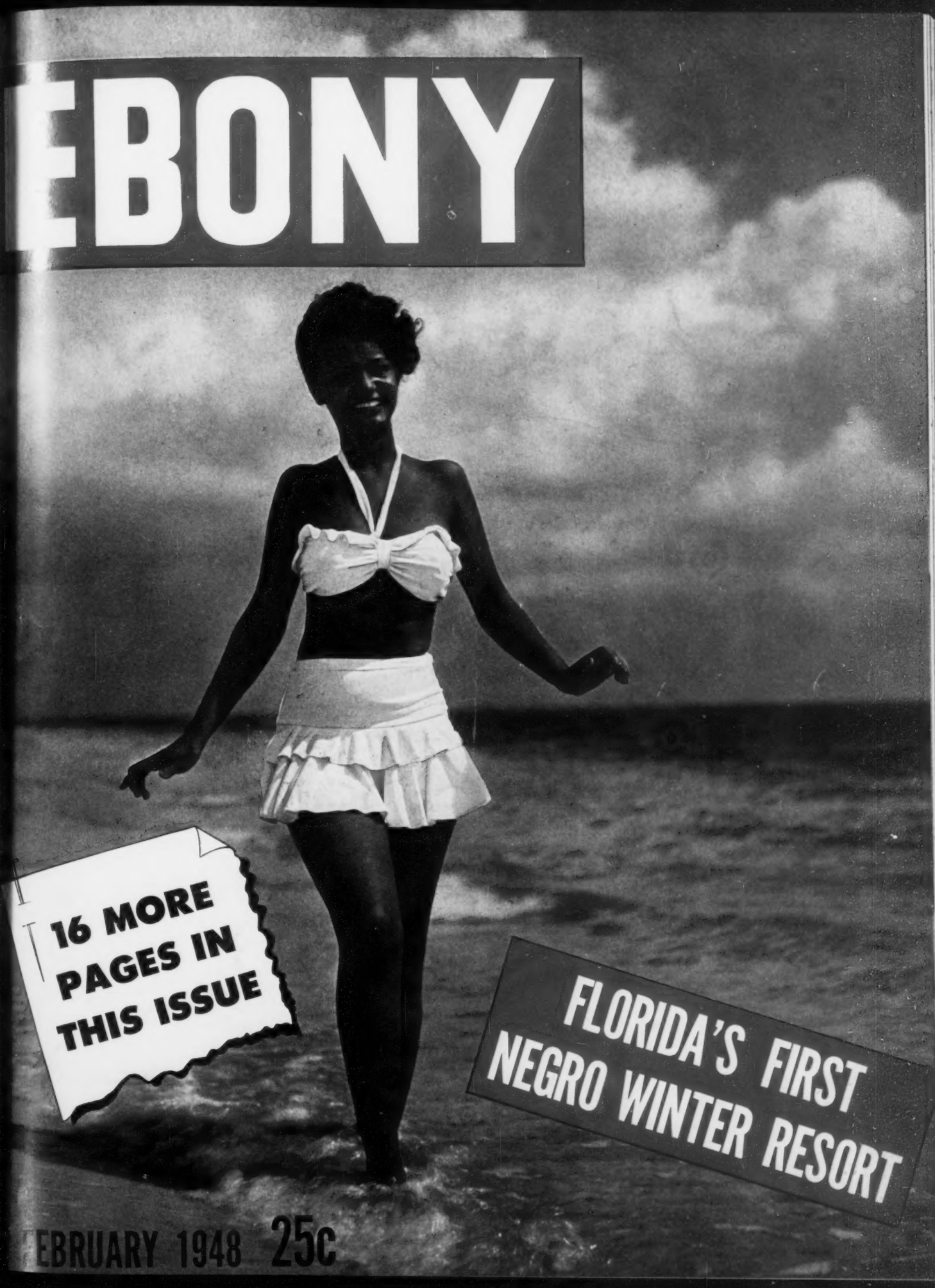

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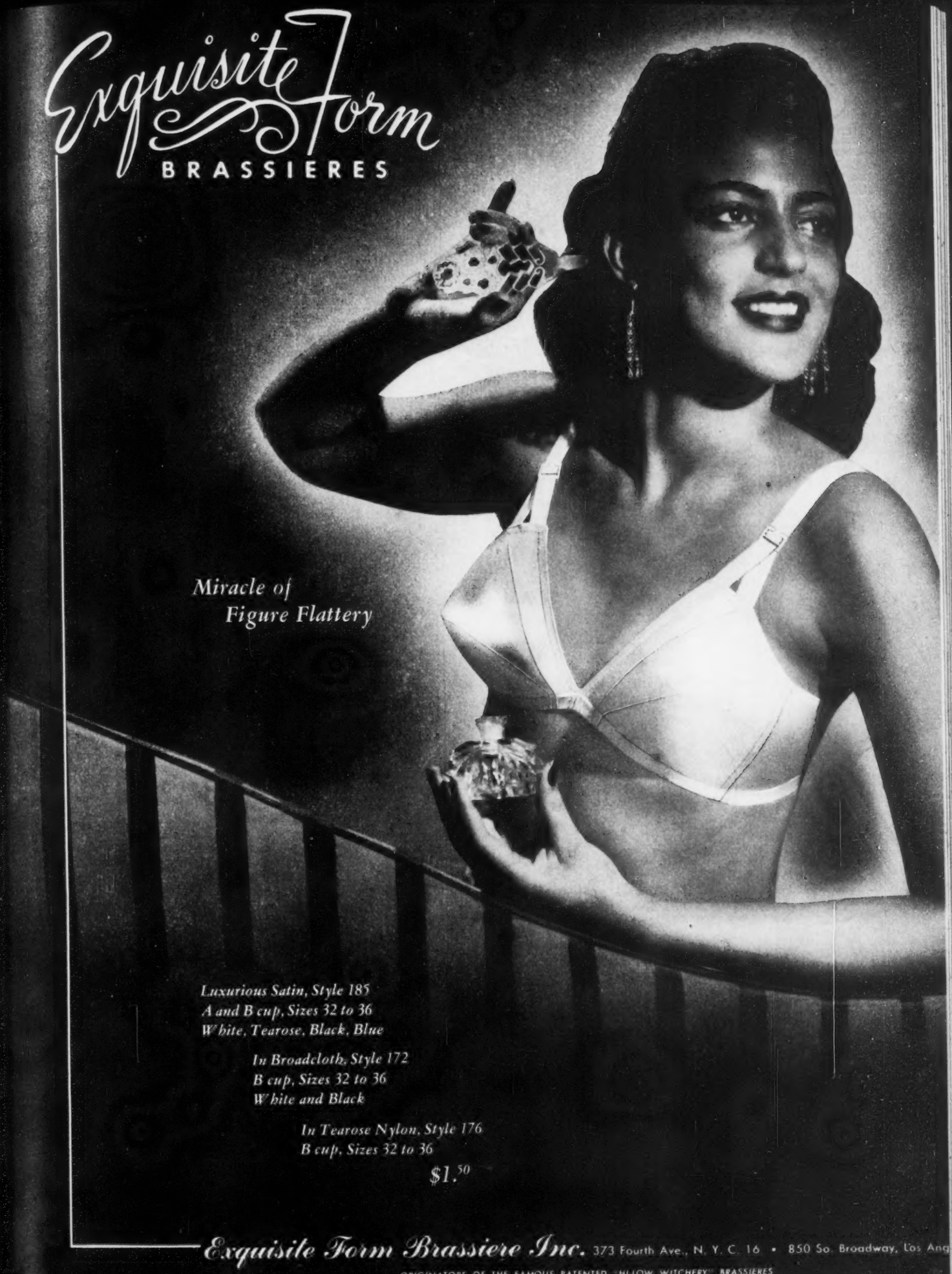
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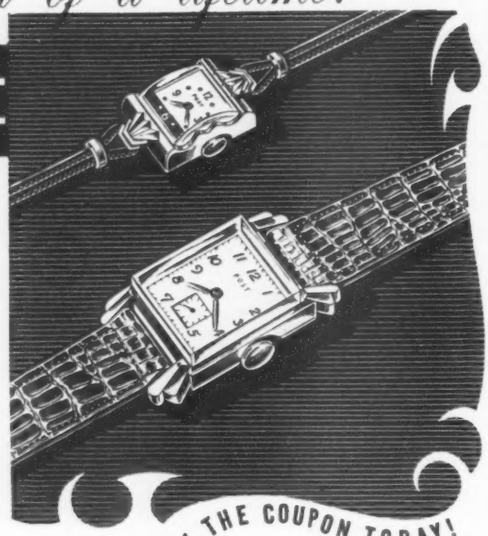

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I am a white man but there was no white man to come to my aid when I was wounded. It was a Negro soldier who saved my life, S/Sgt. C. T. Forster. While doing so, he received a terrible brain concussion and for this heroism in combat beyond the call of duty, he only received the Silver Star and I am not satisfied about it. I offered him money and he refused it. Now I have lost his address so I thought if I have this letter published in the best colored magazine, he would see it and write to me if he hasn't lost my address.

PICCALO MARTINI

St. Louis, Mo.

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she is an intelligent as well as an admirably constructed young woman. Most men are still unable to reconcile themselves to the only recently established fact that women have brains as well as bodies. Thus the title.

BENTLEY EDMONDS

Norfolk, Va.

DISC JOCKEYS

I note, in your December issue of EBONY, the reference made to 42-year-old ex-porter Norfley N. Whitted of Durham as the "only Deep South jockey" on radio programs over the country. Contrary to this statement, I would like to add the name of another Negro, a teenager in Fort Worth, Texas, who's rapidly gaining popularity from his program called "Blues At Sundown." This young

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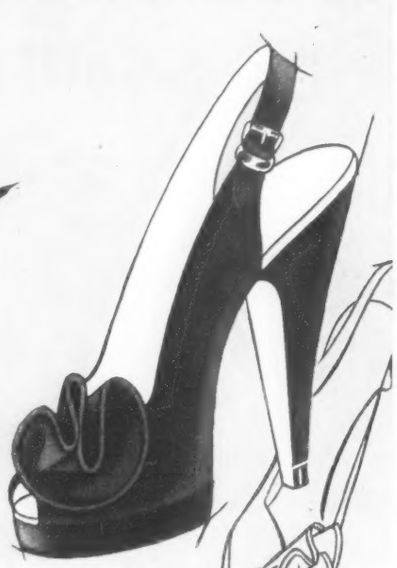

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REBA M. HANDS
Fort Worth, Texas

I want to express my appreciation for the grand job you did in your round-up of "Disc Jockeys" in December EBONY, and for the gracious treatment given the part I played in your story.

However, I must call your attention to one glaring omission in what I expect is an otherwise complete listing of all the nation's disc jockeys.

The two who are here with me at WSBC—Robert (Bob) Roberts and O. J. (Sonny) Porter.

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In view of the fact that so many newcomers were included in EBONY'S story, Bob and I, and all our listeners regret the slip up that somehow caused them to be left out.

JACK L. COOPER
Chicago, Ill.

In the December, 1947, article dealing with disc jockeys, it was stated that few Negro disc jockeys ". . . can be identified as Negro on the air . . ."

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Many of these disc jockeys have the characteristic poor speech habits of many Negroes. Their voices can be identified as being Negro voices by the slurring of words and the carelessness of pronunciation of words. It is obvious that the majority of these fellows need some good speech training. Grammar school children use better English than some of them.

Please don't get the impression that Negro disc jockeys are no good. They are good and they have made a real advancement in a field newly opened to Negroes. The only thing wrong with them is their lack of voice training and their failure to acquire any.

CLARA R. JOHNSON
NATHANIEL WILSON

Chicago, Ill.

'COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS'

I am a reader of EBONY and have been ever since it came out. I can hardly wait for the next issue.

"The World's Worst Slums" and the editorial "Time to Count Our Blessings" were the finest pieces of work I've read since *Native Son* and *Deep Are The Roots.*

I shall tear out these articles and put them in my scrapbook for long remembrance.

JUDGE SUMRELL

New Orleans, La.

Your November editorial "Time to Count Our Blessings" is the most ridiculous, paradoxical, inaccurate, and sabotaging editorial I have ever read in a Negro publication.

Recently the newspapers have carried such items as the attempted lynching of a man acknowledged by the sheriff to be innocent (he was shot and left for dead), the trial and acquittal of the prison guards for their mass murder of Negro inmates, and the bringing of the plight of the Negro before the United Nations. How ungrateful for a "blessed" people to go beyond the authority of their own country and embarrass it by agitating for even more liberties to an, at least theoretically, higher body, one might well conclude from the tone of the editorial in EBONY.

How confused I would be if I were an impartial foreigner on a U. N. council reviewing the facts, and having read of our blessings in EBONY (which because of its immense popularity may unfortunately be regarded as a foremost organ of Negro thought). The paradox is incomparable.

You state, "Yes the Negro is deprived of his vote and sometimes his life in many southern states but where else in the world can a person yell as loud and long about it except in America." How truly wonderful it is to be vocal. The sheer ignorance of that statement hardly deserves further comment and it stands as an indictment against EBONY by the mass of progressive Negroes. However, in reference to the assertion, it seems to me that the important and alarming consideration is not our right to yell, but that these atrocities against Negroes do occur all too frequently, in spite of our blatant protests. The assertion is also lacking in fact. EBONY apparently has

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swallowed the propaganda that infers that civil liberties are wholly inexistent elsewhere. Specifically, England, France and many other countries have accorded their citizens freedom of speech for many years.

Also under the section captioned "Millions Envy Negroes" (ha) EBONY states, "American Negroes live in a more prosperous, more enjoyable, more creative life than 90 per cent of the world's population. In Italy, China, Palestine, Greece—there are millions who would gladly change places with Negroes." Here, are you referring to the minority of American Negroes who live in the "comparative" security of some of our Northern localities, to the majority of the Negroes who live in the south, or to all Negroes, whether they live in Mississippi or Maine. It might make a difference with some foreigners. If a hungry Italian or Greek, for example, who was fully cognizant of the despicable living conditions of millions of Negroes, of the social, political, economic, and educational disparity between the races, decided that the lot of a Negro in lynchland was preferable to his, he would undoubtedly fail to gain entree by reason of mental deficiency.

It is true that the American Negro has a fuller stomach, more telephones, more automobiles, and many more other mechanical conveniences than most of the world's millions. But can America's genius in the sphere of material productivity ever compensate for her inequities in the sphere of human relations? Nothing material is equivalent to human dignity.

CARL J. CHERRY

Chicago, Ill.

I must commend you on that most inspiring editorial: "Time to Count Our Blessings."

The Negroes in America are really blessed 100 per cent. It's not a pushover, but with a little effort (instead of gripes) we are able to enjoy apparent luxuries as compared to other minorities. Please pardon that ugly word—minorities!!

MRS. LUCILLE B. PHIPPS

Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Although I am not in the habit of writing letters to editors, I feel impelled to comment on your splendid November Photo-Editorial. It touches upon a subject of increasing importance that is too often ignored or treated in meaningless sacerdotal terms. I refer to the racist cynicism that, as you state, "is typical of too many Negroes today."

Uncle Tom is dead, but he has been replaced by a type who, in my opinion, impedes the progress of his people not a whit less. The new Uncle Tom, while despising everything and everyone white, calumniates every effort and every accomplishment by Negroes. All that he is and all that he does is governed by his narrow racism. Although often affecting the role of mundane sophistication, the new Uncle Tom is in fact provincial, petty and ignorant.

I would like to see EBONY take advantage of its well-deserved popularity to counteract the venom of the racist cynics by emphasizing the solidarity of Americans of color with, not only South

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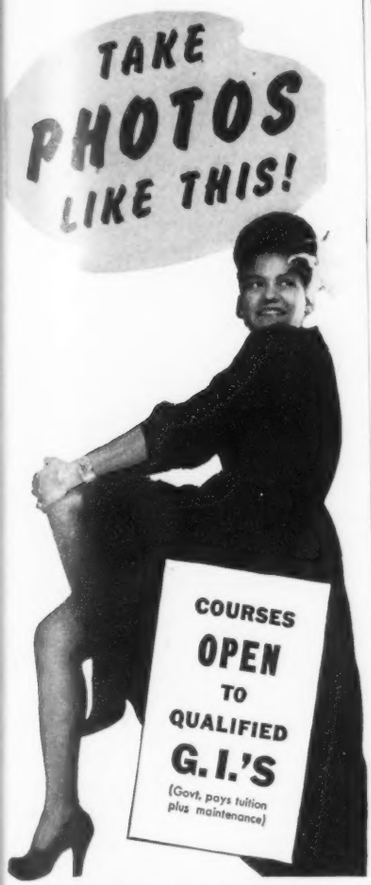

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URIAH H. BARNABY

Keltys, Texas

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS

The article on Schofield Barracks and General Wayne Smith in EBONY is one of the best done on the Army to date. You are certainly to be complimented for it.

1/LT. GEORGE E. NORFORD

Washington, D. C.

I am heartily in accord with Gen. Wayne C. Smith and his ideas on the racial problem—and his success at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

I also think that all-white or/and all-Negro groups *are* a "go" signal for segregation. I speak from experience. You see, I was a member of Col. B. O. Davis' 477th Bomber Group and I know what added "pressure" (and humiliation, in all due respect to the group) that I underwent. Therefore, I thank the editorial staff of EBONY for bringing things "down front" so everyone can know the temper of a real democracy.

CURTIS H. HUBBARD

Natural Bridge, Va.

Just read your article on Schofield Barracks in the December EBONY. Am very proud of it and want you to know that my oldest son T-5 Daniel A. Johnson was one of the two Negroes to graduate from Schofield's high school this year.

MRS. MARY SMITH JOHNSON

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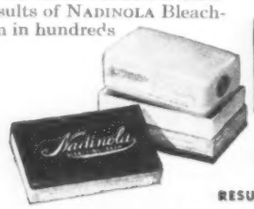

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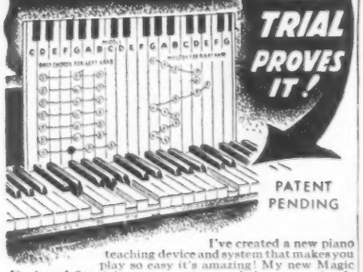

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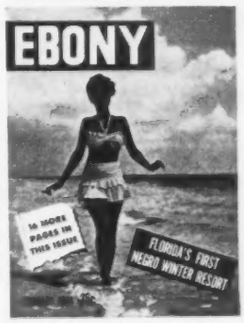

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Bucking bronc Bulldog Drummond rears into the air with cowboy Felix Cooper, 32, one of six top Negro rodeo stars in the country. Regarded as the best bull fighter in all the U. S., bar none, Cooper started breaking mules in Joplin, Missouri, 14 years ago. He was with Roy Rogers show last year, fought bulls in every show.

RODEO RIDERS

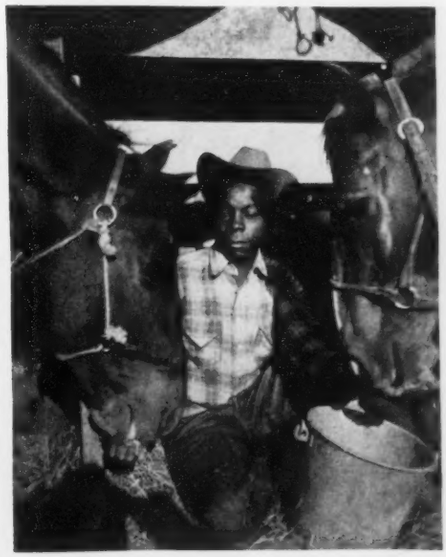
A MEAN rangy steer dashed out of the Madison Square Garden chute like he was headed back for the flat prairie longhorn country. Running the full length of the New York arena, the wild-eyed animal broke the railing and went right on up into the stands with brown, big-handed, wild-riding Bill Pickett behind him on a cow pony. One of the greatest rodeo money-makers of all time and originator of the most daring of all rodeo events—the bulldogging act—chunky Pickett meant "to git that dogie" if he had to follow him right back to Texas where they both were born.

As spectators scrambled in panic, Pickett jumped off his horse and in less than four seconds the bull said "Uncle" in acceptable bovine language. The audience, almost in a human stampede, settled back with applause of relief.

The date was back in 1904 when Pickett, the most amazing colored cowboy of all time, was the top rodeo attraction of America. Today a handful of colored buckaroos are still making rodeo turnstiles click with their antics from Calgary, Canada, to Houston, Texas.

From little dustbowl arenas to highly-promoted bigtime shows fronted by singing cowboys Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, colored performers are top-rate riders among the 2,000 professionals who follow some 700 annual rodeos in the nation each year.

Biggest money maker at rodeos is slim Marvel Rogers, 24, from Idabell, Oklahoma, who got into game at 15 when Wild West show came to his home town.



Trick rider Rip Hunter, 49, once with 101 Ranch shows (greatest of all time), was with Roy Rogers last year. He broke several ribs when bull fell on him.

Bareback specialist Buck Wyatt, 37, has been in rodeo 15 years. Rider of more Brahma bulls than any other brown cowboy, annual earnings hit $30,000.

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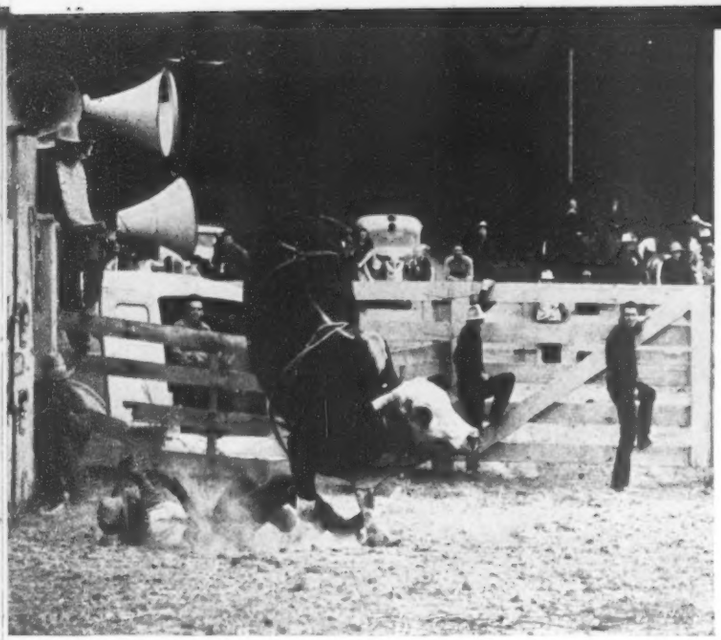
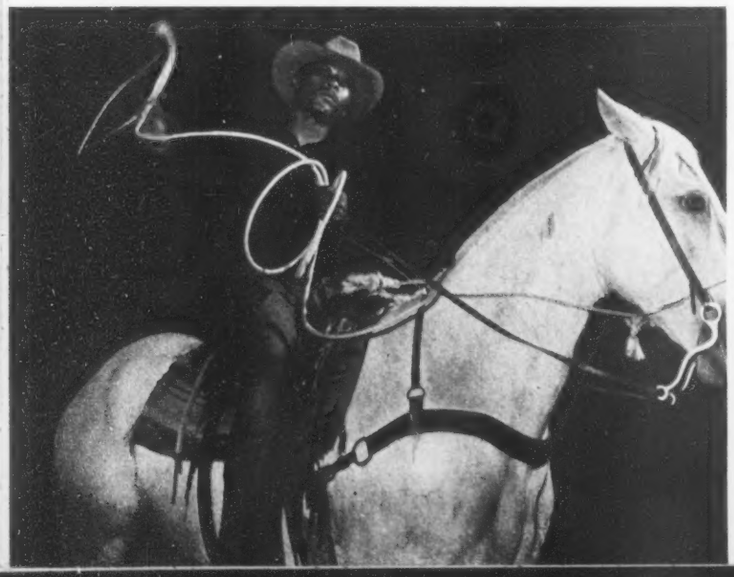


Scrambling to get out of way of bull which threw him near chute in Fortuna, Calif., is fast-moving Felix Cooper. In "whopping good" year he makes as much as $25,000. To do this he has to "scratch" 300 broncs and bulls.

Fighting dangerous Brahma bull toreador fashion in Chicago Stadium, Cooper makes one of the most dangerous rodeo jobs look easy. He has had arm and leg broken twice by bulls. Roping range calves (below) is Cooper specialty.



PICKETT TOPS

EVERY LANKY, brown cowboy roving around the rodeo circuit would like to be another Bill Pickett, for he was one of the most fabulous cowpokes who ever threw a lariat. Few souvenir rodeo programs sold in arenas over the U. S. fail to mention the name of doughty Pickett as the originator of the most awe-inspiring of all rodeo acts—bull dogging or steer wrestling.

Celebrated Zack Miller, one of the trio of brothers who headlined Pickett in their 101 Ranch Wild West shows, said time and time again that Pickett was the "greatest sweat-and-dirt cowhand that ever lived." The way the wiseacres have it no steer except one—a Mexican bull called Little Bean—ever had the nerve to hit the granddaddy of steer wrestling.

So many tales of his prowess as a cowboy are told in chuck wagons that it would take a whole book to tell his unparalleled and colorful story. Born in Texas (Tyler) where Lone Star Staters swear all real cowboys are grown, he almost learned to rope a steer before he learned to stand and was one of the oldtimers who saw the cattle-scarred Chisholm trail give way to the railroads. Hired out in Ft. Worth, Texas, by the Miller Brothers of the famous 101 Ranch near Ponca City, Oklahoma, he soon became the top rodeo showman of the day.

Pickett began bulldogging quite by accident one evening when the most hellish thing on four legs, a cross between the Brahma of India and a Texas longhorn broke out of a nearby corral and charged two horses pulling a hay wagon that Pickett was driving. With the courage of a fool and knowing full well that if the bull thrust his horns into one of the horses he was a "goner," Pickett dived from the wagon to the horns of the charging bull.

Man and maddened beast put up a terrific struggle. Finally overpowering the bull, Pickett threw him on his side with one horn in the ground. He later repeated this feat from the back of a running horse. Bulldogging was so death-defying and exciting that in 1902 it was adopted by the Rodeo Association of America.

Wily Pickett almost met his match in 1908 when he met a blooded Spanish toreador bull in Mexico. Some bold Mexicans wagered that Pickett couldn't hold a Mexican bull for five minutes and put up $300,000 against the Miller 101 Ranch to prove it. With stadium filled to overflowing, Pickett studied the bull's massive frame for a full hour before the fight. He knew that unlike range bulls this bull had been bred for long wind.

Too fast for Pickett's little paint horse, Spraddly, the bull gored him in the side. Pickett retreated, said his prayers because he knew he wouldn't have half a chance if he couldn't bring his horse alongside the bull so that he could take off. A friendly Mexican stuck a banana in the gaping, bleeding hole in the horse's side. Pickett went at it again. In a final mighty, desperate lunge he grabbed the bull's horns and hung on for dear life while the prize of Mexico's bull ring mercilessly dragged him around the arena.

At last, bringing the infuriated bull to a full stop, with sheer might he flung 1,000 pounds of quivering meanness and muscle over on its side. He buried a left horn in the packed dirt of the arena and bent to take a bow. Then he

Clutching cinch, John "Lucky Boy" Williams holds on while saddle bronc leaps into air at Prairie City, Oregon, rodeo. Horse hopes to snap off Williams when he lands on stiff forelegs. Williams rode in the East with Gene Autry rodeo last season.

RODEO GREATS

caught the side glancing blow of a Mexican knife in his cheek. The punishment he did not get from the bull he got from the enraged spectators who hated to see the animal lose. They threw everything at him but the bull and it took an army escort to get Pickett and the 101 Show out of town.

A longtime friend of Pickett's was the late Will Rogers, who played one of the classic jokes of rodeo on the colored cowboy. At an Oklahoma show, it was announced that the daddy of bulldogging would go after a steer for a special prize of $25. Rogers and others coached Pickett carefully while helping him into his saddle. They gathered around him, patting his horse and tightening the girth. Then the steer was let out and Pickett went after him.

After a few yards, Pickett tried to leap. Nothing happened. He spurred again and tried to jump. Again he could not get off the saddle. On the sidelines Rogers and other cowboys were shrieking with delight. Pickett never did get off the horse to bulldog because the cowboy comedian had sewed Pickett's pants to the saddle blanket while pretending to give him free advice.

Before he died in 1931—with his boots off in bed—Pickett had broken so many bones that an X-ray picture would have astounded the many doctors who patched him up. For rodeo is a dangerous business.

Following the risky Pickett tradition cowboys like Felix Cooper, one of the kingpins of the rodeo world today, do not aim to give up until they're carried out on a stretcher. Cooper puts it this way: "You can't stop a rodeo Joe until you cut off his head and hide it."

Last September sparse West Indian-born Rip Hunter, trick roper, who couldn't weigh more than 135 pounds, broke a couple of ribs when a bull fell on him in a Roy Rogers show. He had hoped to line his pockets with $15,000, but he wouldn't have had fifteen cents when he got home to California in November if he hadn't done "pretty well before the accident."

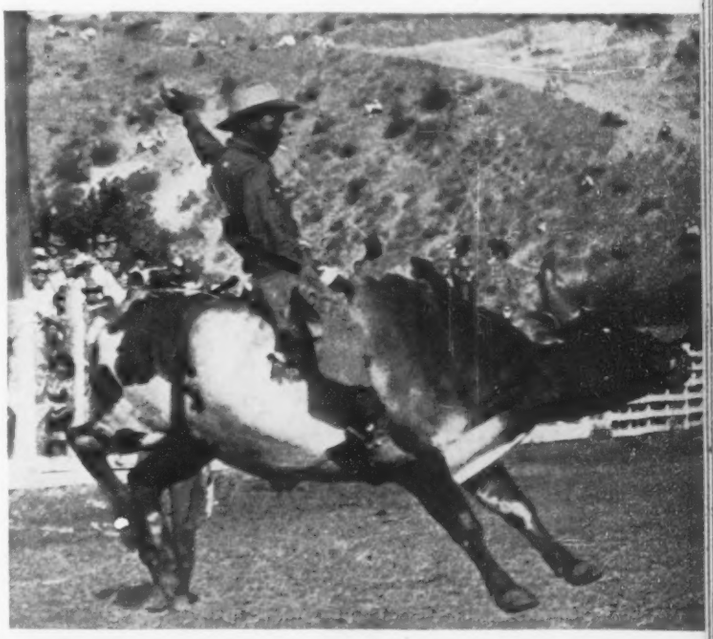
Buck Wyatt, father of three children, undoubtedly one of the greatest bareback riders in the game today, says he suffers less accidents because he knows his wife is watching events. He says he would hate to "see her hurt."

Wyatt is often classed with one-time record holders, colored One-Arm Hogan and Jesse Stahl. The latter, the greatest bronc rider of all time, was reputed to have had more strength in his legs than any other rider ever to board a bronc. Stahl was so respected by the riders that they would make up a private pool before the event to get him not to ride.

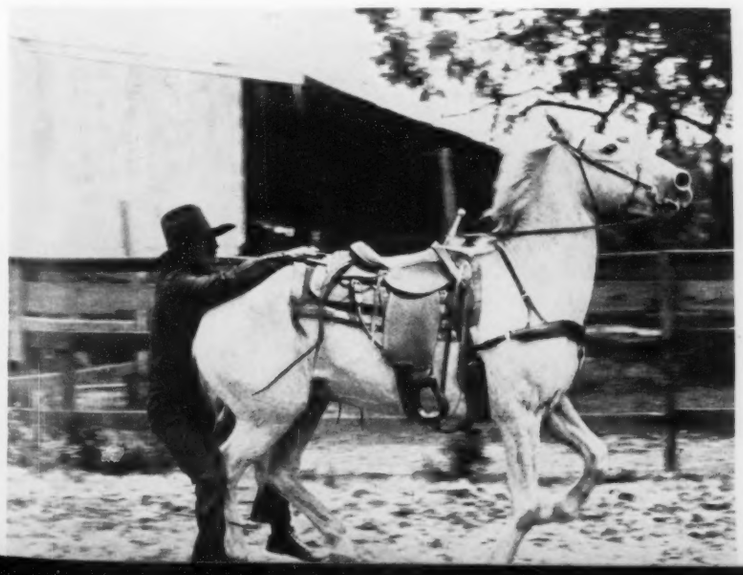
The style of bareback rider Edward Jordan, who hails from staid Groton, Conn., is likened to that of colorful Negro cowboy George Fletcher, who is still living on his big Pendleton, Oregon, ranch. So popular was Fletcher that at an Oregon Wild West show the spectators cut up his Stetson and bought the pieces for more than he made in the show.

The phantom of discrimination seldom raises its ghostly head in rodeo for all Negro big timers belong to the Rodeo Cowboys Association and Cowboys' Turtle Association. RCA with headquarters in Ft. Worth has more than one time ventured in to fight discrimination against Negro roughriders.

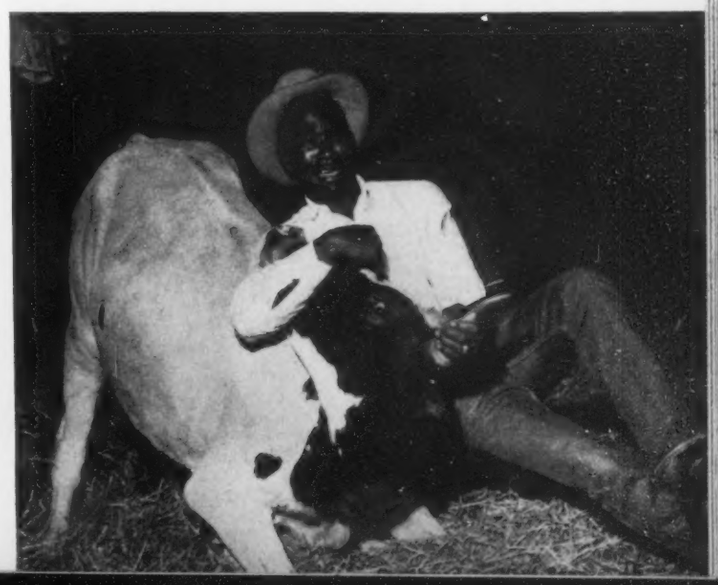
Leaping into air, saddle bronc hopes to throw Marvel Rogers when he hits ground. Rogers, who has broken leg twice, admits: "More than a Stetson and boots are needed to be a rodeo performer. You have to have guts."

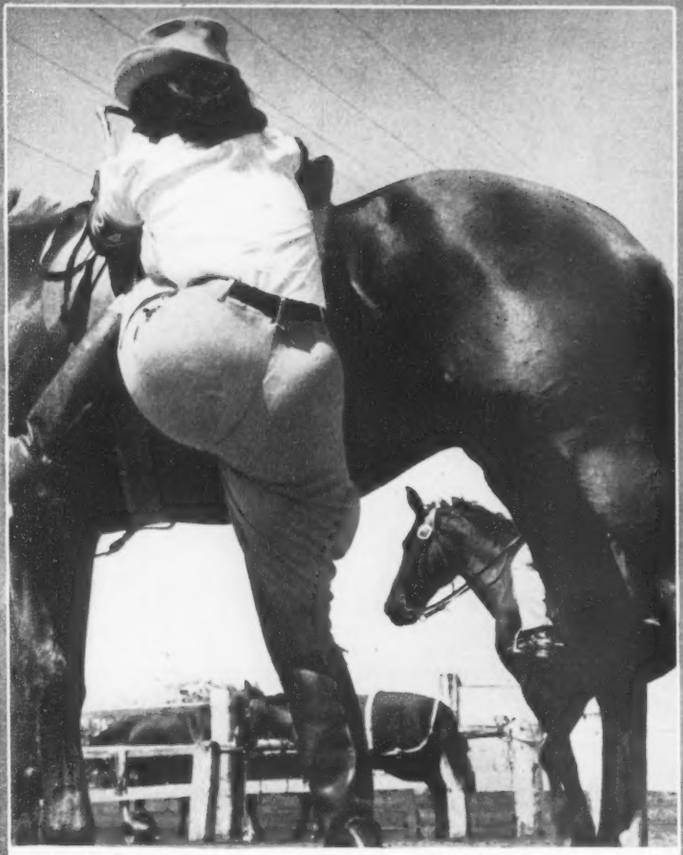


Sticking on Brahma bull in Ellengsburg, Oregon, with only a cinch to hold onto, Marvel Rogers won $490 prize. Grappling with steer (below) Rogers has him halfway downed.



Trick rider Bob Dudley is a favorite in Western shows, has worked in several movies, makes as much as $100 a day demonstrating his routines. Negro rodeo men have formed a West Coast group known as the Congress of Colored Cowboys.





Mounting for grand march at Flying Horse Ranch rodeo is Mrs. H. Willie Chambers of Los Angeles, owner of a beauty parlor. Many girls hope to break into movies like West Coast's best known colored cowgirl, Artie Reed.

Leading grand entry march which begins every rodeo are two horsemen bearing U.S. and California flags. Eighty riders competed in events at Sunday afternoon Flying Horse show.

RANCH TRAINS

AT THE RAMBLING Flying Horse Ranch in Los Angeles which nestles close to the banks of the dead, dusty Rio Hondo River, Negro and white rodeo performers of the future are being taken through the paces which they hope will make them stars.

In two years this ranch, which once charged Negroes 50 cents more to ride because of their color, has become the winter headquarters for rodeo performers who want to keep the kinks out of their techniques. Cowboys Rip Hunter, Felix Cooper and John "Lucky Boy" Williams often amble out to the ranch to ride, teach and give exhibitions.

Owned by white, Idaho-born Mrs. Martha Catherine Dory and her son, Rowland, the ranch's rodeo and horse shows are proving grounds for graduates ready to enter professional rings.

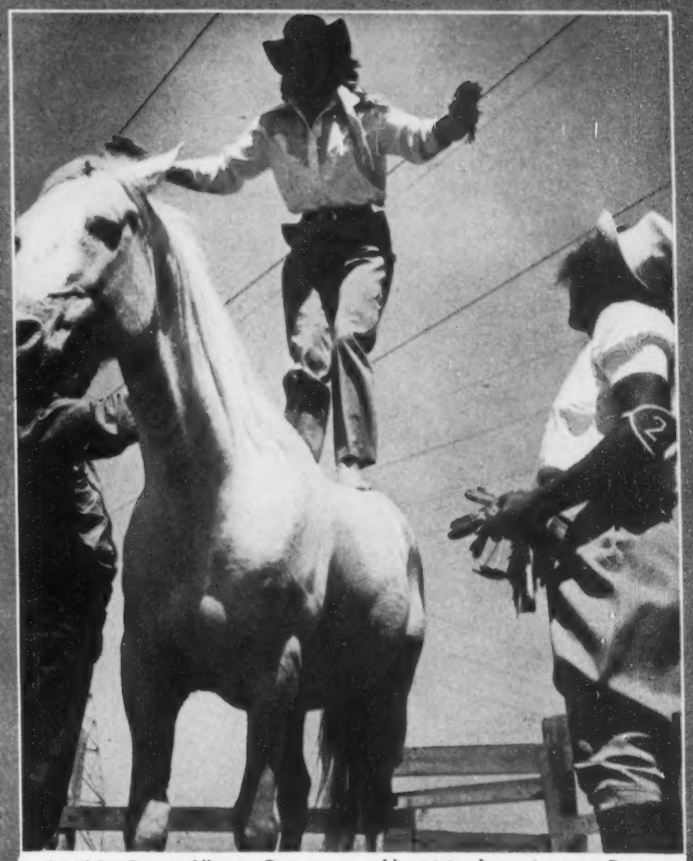
Although she had never had contact with any Negro people before buying the Flying Horse for $15,000 in 1945, Mrs. Dory considered it outrageous for the former owners to charge Negroes more and promptly made it $1.50 an hour for any one who wanted to ride.

Encouraging interracial riding clubs, they ran head-on into pre-

Despite broken leg, Bob Scott mounts his trained horse to participate in show. Sometimes earning as much as $1500 a day, he has been riding for 15 years. He hopes to some day do his own Western movie in Hollywood.

Making trick jump over prostrate cowpuncher is Bob Scott, broken leg and all. Flying Horse gets its horses from Idaho and Montana. Horses are sold for as low as $200; stable costs owner $35 monthly.

Beginner Bill Terrell rides bronc out of chute holding cinch with both hands. Regular rodeo rules forbid rider to hold with two hands. Terrell learned to ride from Bob Scott in single year.



Practicing Roman riding on Casanova, ranch's training horse, is pretty Gwendolyn Edwards, president of the Silver Spurs, a riding group that owns its own horses and raises money for charities. Stunt is done in stocking feet.

FUTURE STARS

judice from some of the white trade who objected to riding with Negroes.

Mrs. Dory and her son let the dissatisfied know that the word "nigger" was not to be used around the place and that if anyone treated the horses roughly—white or colored—he wouldn't be back again. In two years the Dorys have doubled their trade and income.

Sixty per cent of all 2,000 riders who come to ranch in a month are Negroes.

So integrated into the life of Los Angeles is the Flying Horse Ranch, that its affairs are community projects. When the Flying Horse throws a rodeo party on a Sunday, hundreds of spectators come to watch, celebrities drop in and sing a song over the announcers' mike, and horsemen and crowds alike usually stay for the twilight weenie roasts and chicken fries the Dorys finish the show with.

But the main attraction is still the squeak of saddle leather under one's own horse, the sandy river bed, the quiet steady canter of a horse, the green sagebrush, and the lonely Joshua trees.

Winning trophy for hurdles is presented to Dr. John Hayes by Mrs. Martha Dory, owner of Flying Horse. Silver Spurs club members lay out $250 annually for dues, stable and horses.

Performing rope tricks for crowd is John "Cactus" Hoard, former 101 Ranch showman. He is usually the only Negro trickster in the Rose Bowl parade, has won trophies from California to Chicago and has appeared in movies.

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Celebrities turn out to Flying Horse rodeo. On hand to help cowboy actor Bobby Johnson put on his saddle are Suzette Harbin of *The Foxes of Harrow* and Joel Fluellen of *The Burning Cross.*

Demonstrating trick Bob Scott taught her is June Bochard as cowboy mentor with broken leg stands by to aid her should she make misstep. Cowboys maintain if you haven't broken a leg, you're not a real rodeo man.

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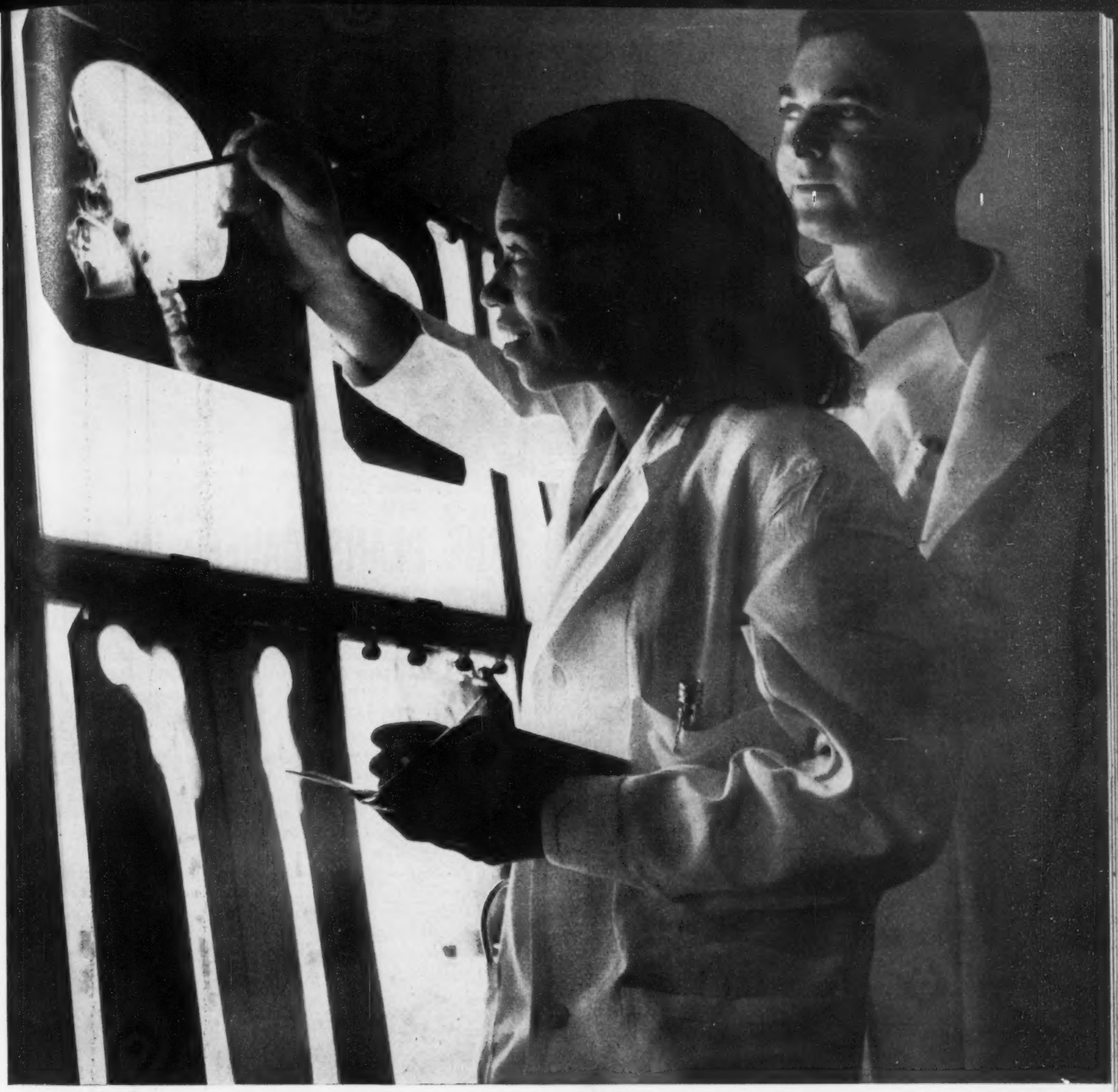

Boning up on skull and femur structure for mid-term examinations, June Jackson, 23, gets a tip from Dr. Paul Massik, resident in roentgenology at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital. She plans work in internal medicine or psychiatry upon graduation in 1948, will be one of 200-odd colored women medics in the entire country.

PETTICOAT MEDICS

Dwindling lady MD's-to-be face stubborn male prejudice

EUROPEANS enviously regard the American girl as Liberated Womanhood personified, poised, efficient, athletic, working and playing alongside her man, but U. S. males in at least one field would contradict them. Medical men say that women are "characterized by . . . uncertainty of purpose and indecision of action which totally unfit her for professional practice." Or at least this 1871 opinion of American Medical Association President Alfred Stille seems to be still current. For while in England one of five med students is a woman and in Russia the profession is 65 per cent female, American women's long fight for unprejudiced admission to medical schools has gained them only 5 per cent of the country's classroom space.

Therefore bright, attractive June Jackson, junior at Boston University School of Medicine, is doubly a *rara avis*. One of the 2,441 women now studying at North American med schools, she has also melted the iron curtain which keeps all but 5 per cent of Negro students out of "mixed" professional schools. Naturally, she bears a double responsibility; she must "make good" for the skirted tribe as well as for the many colored pre-meds for whom there is no more room at crowded Meharry and Howard, and scant welcome at the nation's 75 other med schools.

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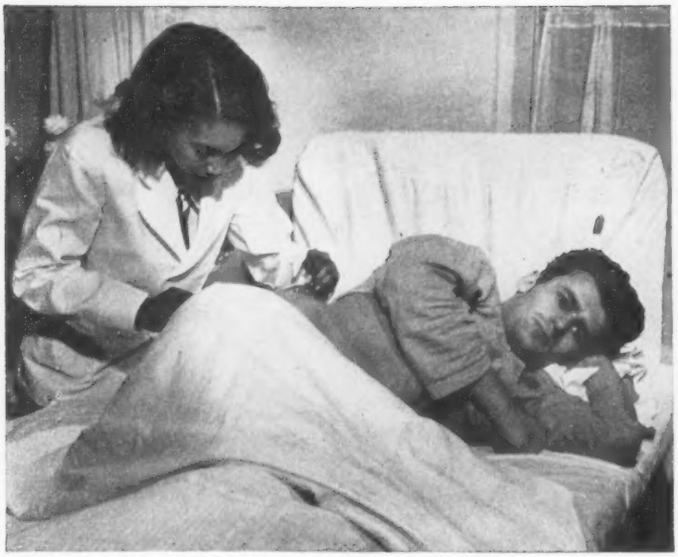

Dressing wounds, removing stitches and incising boils is closest a junior can come to surgery. Bennet Miller, BU Med freshman who ruptured vertebral disk playing basketball, seems to prefer classroom lectures to first-hand experience.

Clinic sessions, which take two months of junior year, start with interview on emotional as well as physical ills. June gives Wassermann test, physical exam, orders X-rays, hopefully submits her diagnosis to specialist on duty.

Polio-emaciated legs get the once-over on June's visit to the infantile paralysis ward of Haynes Memorial Hospital. Smiling nine-year-old Betty Karl is learning to walk again in the crutch-topped wheel-walker.

SHE PLANS CAREER IN GROUP MEDICINE WITH 10 YOUNG MD'S

EVEN intelligent, open-minded white students who admit the need for more colored MDs (there is one for every 3,651 Negroes) have one persistent question: "But would a Negro be happy in a white school?"

At Vassar ('46) and at Boston University June Jackson has shown that integration is both natural and easy. She gets good marks in classes from 8:00 to 4:00, spends a third of her time earning tuition money, is president of the BU Association of Internes and Medical Students (AIMS), entertains big, variegated bunches of people at celebrated parties, soon will share an apartment near BU with two co-eds, and plans an Oregon career in group medicine with an interracial unit of ten young MD's.

Like embryo medics the country over, she punctures friends for blood test experiments, observes autopsies, totes coke bottles of urine specimens and precariously-wrapped skulls on the streetcar, and pores over slimy bottled pathological specimens in the lunchroom before an exam. She is in charge of the Boston City Medical Library each night, also types manuscripts for Dr. William C. Boyd, famed immunologist.

Helping take electrocardiogram, June adjusts disks on tiny polio victim's pulse. In 1945 she worked on radium with technician Kay McNally at M.I.T. lab. Jobs and scholarships make her financially independent.

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Are you in the know?

Do this if you'd try—

- ☐ *Cartooning*
- ☐ *A different hairdo*
- ☐ *A new parlor game*

Is your face round or square . . . long or oval? Do you really know? Before trying a different hairdo—put tracing paper over your photograph, then outline your face. It tells you your true type, so you can plan your coiffure accordingly! Experts say that's important. Same as it's important (on problem days) to know *your* type of sanitary napkin. That's *easy*, with Kotex. Just try all *3 sizes* of Kotex: you'll find the one that's very personally yours.

Feel neglected at a no-date party?

- ☐ *Crawl into a corner*
- ☐ *Start a conversation*
- ☐ *Choose the nearest exit*

At a strictly stag-and-doe shindig, maybe you haven't snared a partner. So—you're crushed! To banish "wallflower panic" just stroll up to that boogie man at the keyboard . . . start a conversation. It'll be a duet! Self-assurance wouldn't forsake you if you'd learn to meet trying situations confidently. Take trying days, for instance. You'd be poised—feel secure—with Kotex and the *extra* protection of that exclusive *safety center*. Kotex keeps you fluster-proof!

What's the latest "dorm" doings?

- ☐ *Snack smuggling*
- ☐ *Platter spinning*
- ☐ *Briefing-sessions*

Even "dorm" life can be beautiful! Main idea's to be comfortable, though, say campus queens. They're the gals who know that for comfort on *difficult* days there's nothing quite like the softness of Kotex: the napkin made to *stay soft while you wear it*. They're the same, comfort-loving gals who are "briefing" their bathrobes . . . chopping 'em off, for more freedom. Or sporting the dreamy, poetic Study Coat pictured here. Either way, brief's the word!

Who should follow the head waiter?

- ☐ *The girls*
- ☐ *The boys*
- ☐ *One couple*

When a head waiter beckons, it's no time to be confuddled. Confidence is such a help . . . like being sure that the *girls* should follow first. The eyes of patrons are upon you! Then's when (at certain times) you bless Kotex for those *flat pressed ends* that reveal no outlines. You're *sure* you're smooth. And at ease, too, with comfort of your new Kotex Sanitary Belt that gives you snug, smooth fit without binding . . . that's adjustable; all-elastic!

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- ☐ *Practice good posture*
- ☐ *Buy a new sanitary belt*

Of *course* you're careful about daintiness, you say. And you keep posture-perfect, too. But isn't there *one* thing you've overlooked? Namely, to buy a new sanitary belt? Yes, because most girls forget . . . keep putting it off "till next time." To get *all* the comfort your napkin gives, *now's* the time to buy a new *Kotex* Sanitary Belt!

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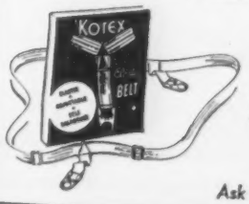

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At home, where she can spread out disarticulated skeleton on her bed, June reviews freshman anatomy lecture. Freshmen are also issued cadavers; most co-eds dissected the same corpse, nicknamed him M.D. for Manic Depressive.

Favorite study-spot is bank of Charles River, before Harvard's Dunster House. Varsity crew practice no longer distracts June, a life-long Cambridge resident. Her popular father has worked in Post Office there for years.

VET RETURN CRUMPLES WOMEN'S BEACHHEAD IN MED SCHOOLS

JUNE JACKSON is one of the fortunate women who applied to med school during the war years, when women doubled their usual number. Today the surge of returning veterans has already swept away 2 per cent of the women's slender beachheads in freshman classes, and the trend may continue downward.

But, while there are only four freshman girls at BU this year, before 1873 matters were even worse; on its site stood Dr. Samuel Gregory's New England Female Medical College, whence came the first colored woman medic, Dr. Rebecca Crumpler, in 1858. The college was necessary because, to quote one leading medical light, "We deem the public association of the sexes in our medical schools . . . derogatory to the instincts of true modesty in either sex." Hospital authorities assiduously "protected" male patients, assigned graduates only to female wards.

Even that represented a concession; most male MD's said women lacked "virile courage, moral sense, rational judgment," should be barred even from segregated study. They have been refuted by the accomplishments of Drs. E. Mae Carroll of the Newark Health Department, Dorothy Boulding Ferebee of the AKA Rural Health Demonstration in Mississippi, Constance Yerwood of the Texas State Health Department, Ruth Temple of the Los Angeles Health Office, Frances Jones Bonner, two-time Radcliffe fellow in hysteria research, and ex-president Thelma Patten Law of the Texas Medical Society, all of whom are capable, comely, and, incidentally, colored.

Admissions officials shrug: "Girls just get married, waste their education." Actually, 90 per cent of the women medical graduates since 1920 still practice, although 82 per cent of them are wives. But schools still are forcing girls with medical yearnings into nursing, and some may yet have to imitate one Indiana Victorian who, barred from formal medical education, hid a cadaver in her attic and there taught herself surgery from a book.

Male skepticism makes most women study extra hard. Yet June still finds time to campaign for independents in Cambridge politics, read psychiatry, and date as often as any co-ed. She has also preserved her sense of humor, likes to tell about the "liberal" white friends who planned a dinner menu which, they said naively, she would particularly enjoy. The repast appeared: pork chops and watermelon!

Campus gathering of the Gregorys, composed of BUSM's 21 women, elects Liberia-born Rachel Boone (standing) president. Only other colored woman in the college, she gets excellent grades, may become medical missionary like her parents.

Lunchtime meeting of AIMS program committee employs deserted classroom, discusses sending medical books to European students. As AIMS president, June confers with presidents of med school groups from Harvard, Tufts, 50 other colleges.

Guests at June's house party include law student Bob Weinstein; Dr. Charles Crow, grandson of Alabama's Senator Bankhead; Mildred Jefferson, first Negro woman at Harvard Med, whose scholarship is from Boston's Temple Israel.

Dancing at 3 a.m., June is unwilted although she has had classes all day. Guests filling tiny house include son of author Bernard de Voto and daughter of U.S. ambassador to Pakistan.

Wee-hours cleanup session finds Bob Weinstein roped into family work group. June's mother is with State Income Tax department. Sister Jeri, 16, writes madly to 60 unknown pen pals. Parents were married at 19.

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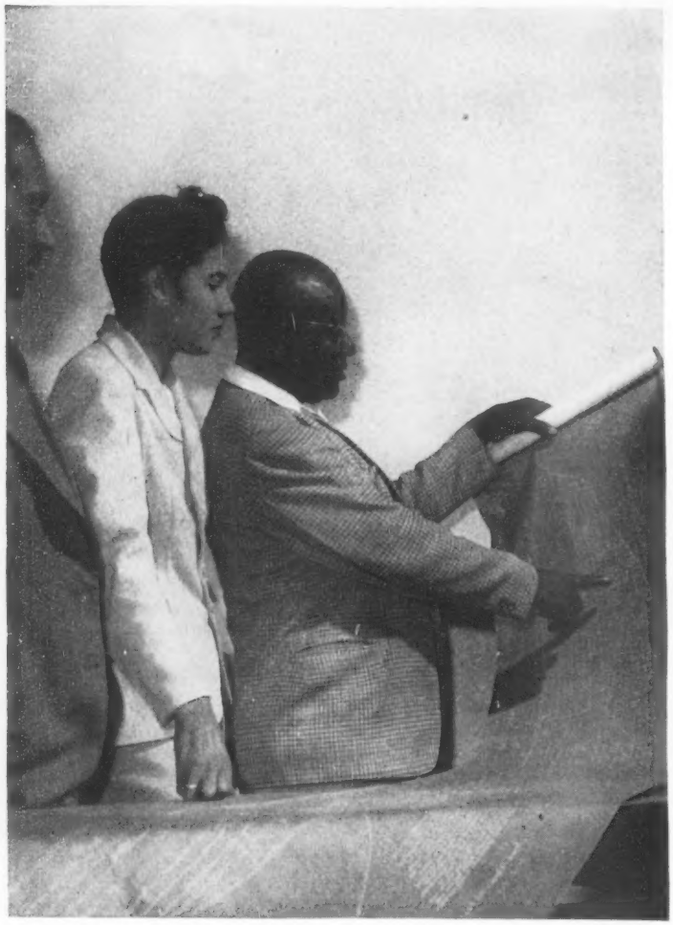


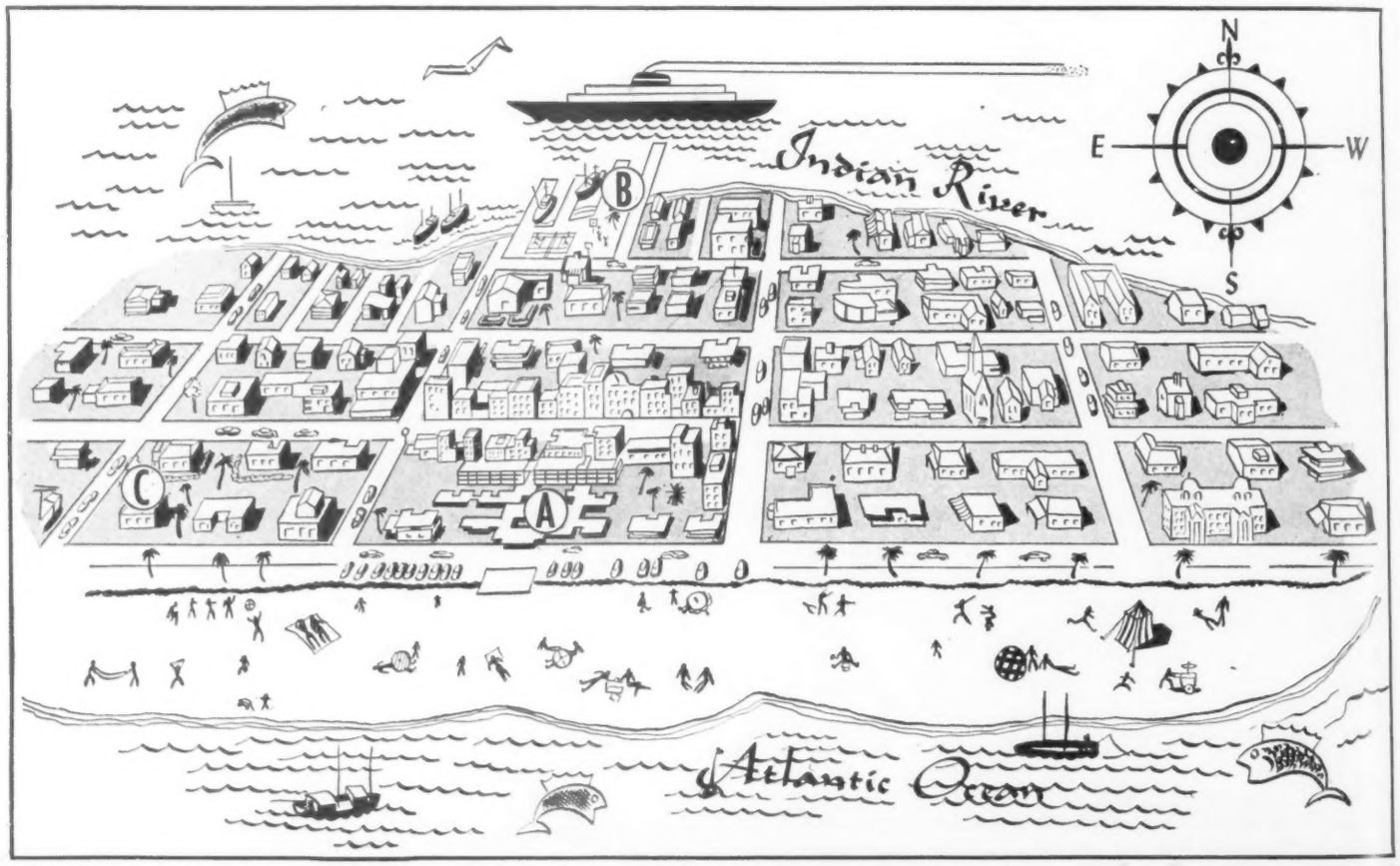
Blueprints for beach project are shown by Dr. G. D. Rogers, president of the development corporation and head of the Central Life Insurance Company, to Mrs. L. G. Hale and Dr. W. H. Gray, president of the Florida A. and M. College.

DOWN in Florida where everything grows big—big oranges, big fish, big money, big hotels—a band of ambitious, imaginative colored businessmen are spawning a big dream which seems likely to come true. Their dream is a year-round swank winter resort on the sun-drenched Atlantic seaboard of the Gulf Stream state, where Negroes can for the first time have their own beach.

Inspiration for the dream has come from soft-voiced but firm-willed Mary McLeod Bethune, Negro America's First Lady who at 74 has never stopped dreaming big dreams. Her latest and her biggest is wrapped up in Bethune-Volusia Beach, a million-dollar, 2½ mile strip of white sand 20 miles from the millionaire playground of Daytona Beach.

Purchased four years ago from a hesitant white realtor, Bethune-Volusia is the only year-round beach in all Florida where Negroes can own property. As such it has become a top priority project for a handful of far-seeing Florida businessmen who are working at breakneck speed towards the goal of making the planned beach paradise a reality. Still only a sun-baked, wave-washed tract of cleared sand connected to the Florida mainland by causeways, the beach has already become a haven for an average of 500 colored visitors who play there each weekend. But with building sites selling fast and the first bathhouse of 40 dressing rooms now under construction, Bethune-Volusia (soon to be shortened to Bethune Beach) is bound to become a resort mecca for thousands of colored Americans before many years.

Unlike her last dream, famed Bethune-Cookman College which she literally scratched out of a swamp hole with her hands, this time Mrs. Bethune has some of Florida's most influential Negroes behind her. Headed by Tampa's moneyed insurance man, G. W. Rogers, a hand-picked corporation is developing the project and has already sold 350 lots (beachfront sites sell for as low as $500, others from $295 up). The first home, a $22,000 seven-room building plus four-room guest house, was erected by Miami night club owner Hyder Davie and has become a social center for visitors who come from states all over the country. The Davies rent their guest house ($25 weekly) on a first-



Artist's concept of Bethune-Volusia Beach when completely developed includes business area in center and residential area on both sides. Bathhouse, pavilion and casino will be located in this section (A). Boat basin (B) will front on Indian River. Only actual house built is on ocean front (C).

NEGRO RESORT

come first-served basis when they do not have their friends occupying the cottage. Many vacationists from nearby states stop at nearby towns like New Smyrna (4 miles from beach), where lodgings and food are available.

Frank object of Bethune-Volusia directors is to make the beach a year-round playground for Negroes from all over America. Well-to-do Northern Negroes have for years stayed away from Florida as a winter resort despite its warm climate because in the entire state there was not a single year-round beach open to Negroes. (Fernandina Beach near Jacksonville is open for swimming only in the summer.) In exclusive resorts such as Miami Beach and Palm Beach, only domestics were expected to show themselves and they were to be off the streets after dark. Last year after many protests by Miami Negroes, the city authorities finally opened Virginia Beach on a Southeast key to colored swimmers but they had to be off the beach by 6 p.m. and no land could be purchased by Negroes.

Mrs. Bethune made Florida history when she finally obtained the signed and sealed deed to Bethune-Volusia Beach in 1943. For the first time Florida's coveted ocean front was available to Negroes. During the war little was done to develop the property because of building restrictions but a postwar development campaign has really caught on. Building is finally under way in the business area which will constitute two blocks of the property. Blueprints call for a $25,000 bathhouse, the first company-owned structure, in addition to a pavilion, a hotel and a 1000-foot parking area. Most of the dwellings, however, will be private homes built by purchasers of lots. Electricity will be installed at the beach this Spring and a water system constructed.

Biggest bugaboo the corporation has to face in selling sites to outstate Negroes is the fear of prejudice. Florida's race relations record is not reassuring to the heartiest would-be buyer. But the corporation manager, N. S. Chaplin, insists, "Florida is in the South, but it is not Mississippi, and the beach itself is separated from any other section and New Smyrna beach by inlets."

Water skiing is demonstrated by Arthur Lee Jones. A student at Bethune-Cookman College, he learned the sport at the beach. Rental for water skis is $2.50 hourly. Students from Bethune-Cookman, just 20 miles from beach, are regular visitors.

Rolling breakers make swimming a delight for party of Bethune-Cookman College coeds. Resort is open for swimming virtually all winter since water is almost always warmer than air due to Gulf Stream along Florida Coast. Average temperature for winter months at beach is 65 degrees. Summer average is about 80.

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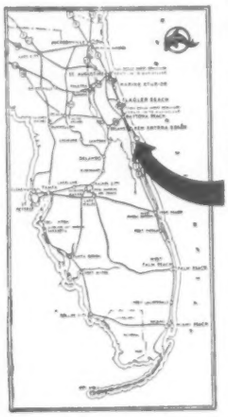
BEACH EASILY REACHED BY RAILROAD OR CAR

BETHUNE-VOLUSIA Beach (named Volusia after the county in which it is located) is an ideal year-round beach because of its average temperature between 65 and 80. Located on one of the highest bluffs along the Florida coastline, the beach is warmed by the slow-moving Gulf Stream in winter. In summer the deep water of the Atlantic flows so close to shore that constant ocean breezes keep the mercury down in the 80's in the hot months. Best season for the beach is from January through April and from June to the middle of September.



The new resort is easily reached by train or car (see map showing location). All trains on the Florida East Coast Railway stop at New Smyrna and taxis are available at the station for transportation to the beach. Highway A1A which runs along the Florida ocean front for miles goes right past Bethune-Volusia Beach.

Purchasers of ocean front sites are given riparian rights (ownership of beachland in front of house) and thus restrictions are being quickly placed on part of the beach front.

Beach founder Mary McLeod Bethune enjoys a day in the sun with party of college students. She first started looking for beach property 25 years ago. Bethune-Cookman College has plans for summer study school at beach.

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EX-GI STARTS

Vet sees good business

A FABULOUS character right out of the comic strips—a sort of combination Steve Canyon, Smilin' Jack and Captain Midnight—is the adventurous, fast-flying New Jersey ex-GI who has become the talk of all Haiti with two new business enterprises in the first Negro republic in the world—an island-hopping, mushrooming airline and the first modern dry-cleaning plant in the country.

He is suave and jolly "Captain Jim"—born 33 years ago in Westfield, N. J., as James O. Plinton, Jr.—who came out of the Air Corps four years ago to enjoy a hectic postwar career that has given him everything that comic strip hero Steve Canyon has, including a Feetah-Feetah-like secretary, a pretty Haitian mademoiselle named Marie Therese Francis. Unlike his comic strip prototype, however, "Captain Jim" is making money, if not from piloting his two-engined 15-passenger Boeing plane, at least from his modern cleaning and pressing establishment in Port-au-Prince.

Success of "Captain Jim" in starting two pioneering businesses in Haiti is culmination of a dream that started when Pearl Harbor suddenly cast the youthful Plinton into a pilot instructor's role at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. Along with hundreds of other young colored airmen, he hoped to stay in aviation after V-Day but knew that U. S. commercial airlines had no room for Negro pilots. To these dreamers the West Indies and South America were an attractive lure but so far, far away.

Unlike other 99th Pursuit Squadron men who went back into civilian life to jobs as auto mechanics, teachers, cafe proprietors or post office clerks, Plinton took the lure. He found no pot of gold at the end of the Caribbean rainbow but after two ventures flopped, he finally became part owner in a profitable British-licensed airline that connects Jamaica, Haiti, Caicos, Grand Turks, the Bahamas and Miami. And then to cash in further on the virgin West Indies market, he founded the Haitian American Dry Cleaners, which was such a novelty to Haitians that they gave him enough business in the first few hours after its opening to keep the plant busy for a week.

"Captain Jim" is one-third owner and chief pilot of the British Quisqueya (old Spanish-Indian word for Haiti) Airlines, which has carried everything, from ice cream to Senator Jean David of Haiti, between islands and the mainland. Because Plinton's outfit started inter-island flights first and has little competition, the company is considered a certainty to show a profit because of big payload, low operating costs and excellent maneuverability of its two craft—the newest a big B-18.

The airline has an unblemished safety record. Plinton, with 5,000 air hours and more than 500,000 air miles to his credit, was the first pilot ever to land a plane on the small

HAITI AIRLINE

opportunity for U.S. Negroes

Caribbean island of Grand Turks, about 120 miles north of Haiti. Scheduled to sail on a schooner from the Caicos Islands to Grand Turks on business with his partner Maurice deYoung and the British Commissioner of the Caicos Islands, Plinton decided to fly instead although there was no landing field on the small island. "I piled the Commissioner into deYoung's lap," he recalls, "and flew over, located a little crooked path to the local Anglican Church and with God's help was able to land without damage to the aircraft." All schools and businesses were closed for the day and the Commissioner presented Plinton with a scroll from the British government for piloting the first plane ever to land on the island.

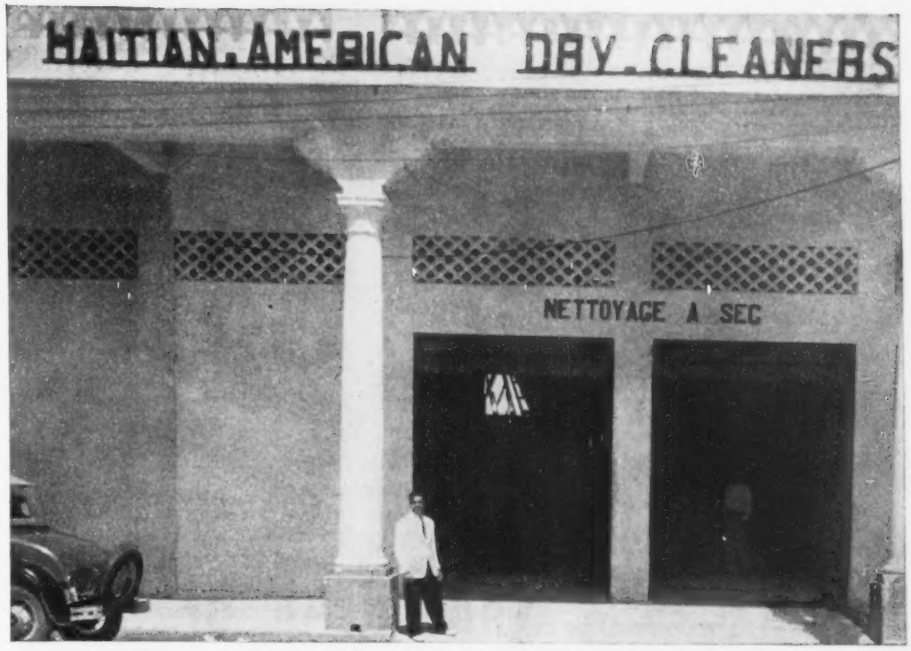
The Quisqueya Airlines employs some ten full-time workers to service its planes, which are the largest craft based in Haiti. Its biggest cargo except for passengers is fresh meat and vegetables. Although British officials in the islands expedited formation of the company, Haitian officials (particularly the Army Flying Corps) put many obstacles in the way of the Americans when the line started. "Haitians, like any other peoples, seem to resent the intrusion of foreigners into their commerce and industry," Plinton says. "I was not too surprised when hastily-erected obstacles met me at every turn, helped along by the unseen hands of white Americans, the reason for whose antagonism Negroes can appreciate."

Plinton found the same troubles when he started his dry-cleaning business. Haitians did not welcome him because of his race. He was considered an American, just as white Americans. But Plinton's speedy cleaning service quickly overshadowed envy and resentment.

Up until the war, most Haitians had worn cheap washable suits. But increased travel and the influx of U. S. tourists brought American styles into Haiti, creating the need for modern dry cleaning.

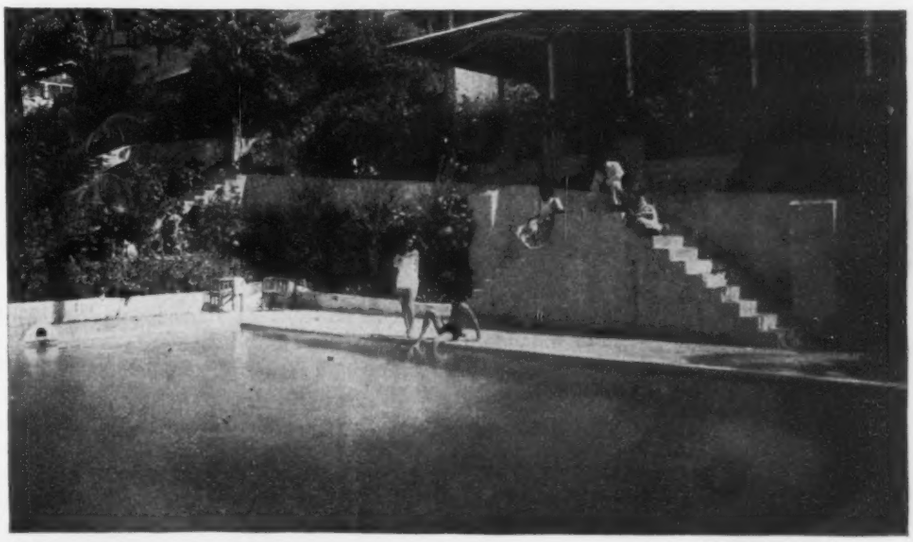
Although Plinton never had any working or business experience except as a postal clerk prior to volunteering for the Air Corps in 1941, he figured a dry cleaning plant "a sure thing" and proceeded installing equipment shipped from the States.

"Captain Jim" feels there are tremendous business opportunities open in Haiti for American Negroes with money—"anywhere from $3,000 to $3,000,000." While Haitians will not particularly accept U. S. Negroes because of their race, Plinton says they will be welcomed and given cooperation in starting any agricultural venture, modern dairy farm (there is not one in all Haiti), chicken farm (for wholesale export by air), coconut plant (one very successful plant closed recently because partners couldn't agree), department store or garage. As for the language barrier, Plinton quotes an old French proverb: "Any man with much money speaks excellent French."



Dry cleaning plant was opened by Plinton in spacious building on Rue de la Reunion. Most of modern equipment was shipped from New York by boat although Plinton flew in smaller repair parts.

Beautiful Hotel Olofsson, owned by partner deYoung, is home for Plinton between air trips. Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) graduate has learned to speak French and Creole well since he went into business in Haiti.



Hotel pool is favorite hangout for Plinton, who says Haiti heat has never bothered him. Climate is near perfect the year round, he insists. Plinton spends much of his spare time at excellent tennis courts near hotel.

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WAR DREAM OF TUSKEGEE PILOT FINALLY COMES TRUE

THE AMAZING story-book fortunes of "Captain Jim" Plinton began one day back in 1944 on a hard steel army cot at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. The slim, good-looking moustached pilot's instructor got into a bull session with a youthful, lithe Virgin Islands airman, Henry Rohlsen, who vowed he would go on flying after the war was over, even if he had to go to South America to do it.

Together they dreamed up a West Indies airline, which could employ hundreds of Negro pilots, mechanics and technicians who got their training in the 99th Pursuit Squadron. For a while it looked like their dream might come true with a red plush-lined happy ending. After incorporating the West Indies Flying Service, Inc., in Delaware, a chance miracle that came out of a series of soft-talking conferences gave Plinton and Rohlsen a sole franchise to operate an airline in Ecuador plus a guarantee of financial aid from the government.

After changing the name of their company to the Latin American Airways, the two flyers faced but one hurdle—digging up $250,000 of capital in three months. Plinton flew from coast to coast, from the late banker Major R. R. Wright to funnyman Rochester, trying to raise money from Negroes because they didn't want "white money" in on the deal. But when Negro backing was not forthcoming, they finally settled on a deal with Burnside & Co., a white New York investment company. Plinton immediately bought three ex-Navy Grumann amphibian planes and flew them one by one from Augusta, Georgia, to Tuskegee to overhaul them for Ecuador service.

By the time the planes got to Ecuador, the by-now 90-per-cent-white board of directors of the firm started knifing the venture. Plinton was saddled to a desk in New York and the airline started to go to pot. Finally four months after it started operating, the Ecuador government suspended the line because of a "lack of repair parts."

Early last year he finally saw his dream come true when he met Maurice deYoung and sold him on the idea of the British Quisqueya Airlines. With purchase of a plane from the Virgin Islands Air Service, operations began in June, 1947.

In his hopping around the islands as chief pilot for the line as well as part owner, Plinton's strangest experience occurred when he was forced down in a Cuban sugar cane field. People in the nearby town of Tabor took him in and treated him like a king the ten days he was there. He found it far different from the two occasions when he was forced down in Alabama while with the Air Corps.

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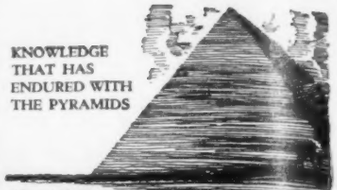

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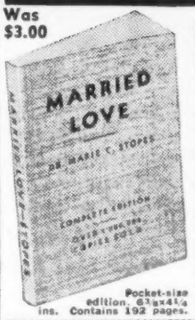

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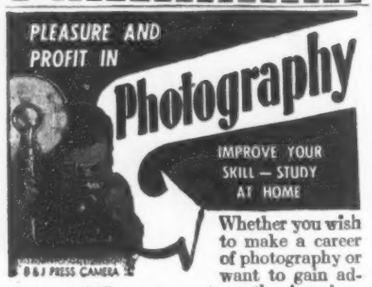

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Show business babies, the brothers were born while their father, Ulysses, led his Nicholas Collegians orchestra on vaudeville dates. Their mother, Viola, hot piano player with the orchestra, took time out in nearby hospitals in 1921 and 1925 when the two were brought by the stork. Fayard seemed to be a natural dancer, "was dancing all over the place before he was three," his mother recalls. Fayard then taught his routines to Harold and when they were heard for the first time in the Philadelphia Horn and Hardart radio show for kids, the boys, just 11 and 7, were signed up for vaudeville at $200 a week. Three weeks later they were playing the Cotton Club, a date entertainers usually spent years building into. Harold was so small, his booking agent rumored he was a midget to escape possible child labor law penalties.

By the time Fayard was 17, the boys with their mother and sister toured Dublin, London, Glasgow and Paris. After their first film with Carmen Miranda in *Down Argentine Way,* 20th Century-Fox offered them a seven-year contract at $1,000 weekly. The duo settled on the West Coast, married and bought homes and started developing their present spectacular style featuring a split. Now only 26 and 22, they are show world veterans and recently completed a Paris engagement at $2500 weekly.

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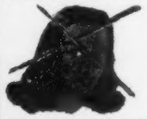

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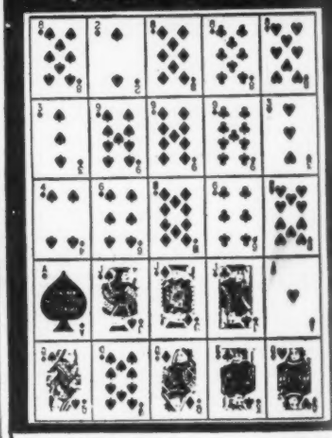

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THAT OLD TIME RELIGION and evangelism may be fading out in many corners of the country but in the nation's capital a husky, gold-toothed ex-fish peddler has managed not only to keep it alive but spiritually jumping. He is Washington's famed "Happy Am I" radio preacher, the Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux, who still annually conducts the biggest mass baptism of the year in a huge baseball park. After 28 years of dipping (he insists sprinkling doesn't do the job right) he ranks among the nation's wealthiest and best-known men of cloth.

Although some argue that he is more of a cultist than an evangelist, Michaux has been compared to Billy Sunday nearly as often as to his closest rivals, Father Divine and Daddy Grace. Aside from a mutual coyness concerning age, and a hearty dislike for one another, these three represent entirely different schools of ecclesiasticism.

Father feeds, Daddy heals. And Elder scoffs at both of them—especially at Father and his "easy" heavens. Both are frauds, says the Elder, and once went so far as to challenge Father to prove his divinity by walking across the Hudson, then offered $500 to anyone whom Daddy had healed. The money and the river are still untouched.

Occasionally the three self-appointed "trinities" try to establish a beachhead on enemy territory in quest of larger followings and holdings. A few years ago Father invaded Richmond with a bus load of angels and everything was free—so free that a local paper offered a reward for information leading to the source of Divine's wealth. Michaux, in turn, took his radio choir to New York for the sole purpose of "singing hell out of Harlem." Both would not be moved and returned to their original bailiwick.

Talkative by nature, Elder Michaux is, however, a living sphinx when it comes to questions of money, age and death. Ask him about something he doesn't mind discussing and he'll answer with a sermon. But quiz him on any one of the aforementioned subjects and you'll hear double-talk.

The first preacher to broadcast—and then on Washington's KKK-supported WJSV—he is also the first gospel leader of any race to invade the sacred precincts of television. His now-famous theme song, *Happy Am I*—the song he took Eddie Cantor to court over, and the song Philip Morris Company is reported to have offered him $20,000 for—is now sung by a choir that is seen as well as heard.

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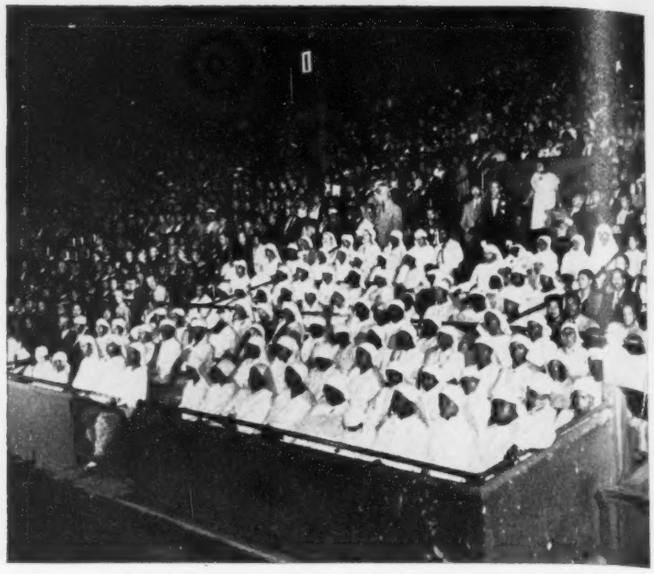
Candidates for baptism take their places in busses for afternoon parade which included 22 busses, 33 cars and seven trucks. More than 1,000 followers from many states joined in mile-long caravan which had police motorcycle escort.



Special section in ball park is set aside for baptism candidates, who are advised to wear white cotton gowns, rubber-soled shoes and towel around their head. Canvas pool is stored in Michaux's Philadelphia church when not in use.

MICHAUX PUTS ON SPECTACULAR SHOW

WITH ALL the fanfare of a Hollywood premiere, with kleig lights and a floating microphone, amid the feverish shouts of "Happy Am I" and a 24-piece orchestra with a beat that is more boogie than Baptist, as many as 250 white-robed candidates are immersed annually by Elder Michaux in the much-used canvas pool pumped full of Potomac River water by the Washington fire department (he believes only river water is good for baptisms). And although the Elder is not a Jackie Robinson fan, the big baptism is solemnly touched off with a spirited dash around the bases by a former invalid in a "home run for Jesus."

Two schools of thought prevail in Washington on the Michaux philosophy. Although he boasts that no hall could hold his followers and insists on using the stadium for his baptismal services, some say that at least one-third of the spectators come out of curiosity rather than out of sympathy with his cause. Whatever the reason or the result, they come and the Elder, an expert showman, makes it highly worthwhile.

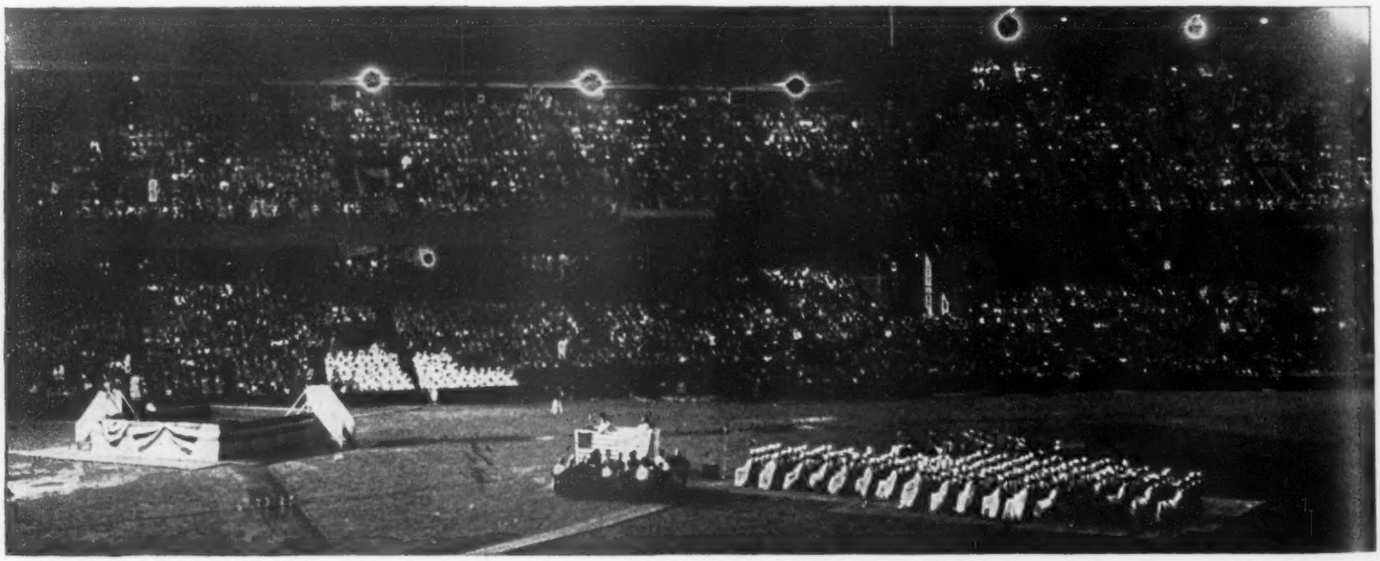
There is always an unusual twist to enliven the program and publicize it. One year it was the mass marriage of 100 couples, free for the license. Elder's widely advertised subject that night was: "The Man You Have Is Not Your Husband." Last year's star attraction was a white Mississippian, Samuel Joseph Martin, recent convert and fellow Pilgrim.

Baptizings once were held annually in the Potomac River but Michaux found he could accommodate a far bigger crowd and put on a better show in a ball park. He rented Griffith Park nine years ago and has been just about filling the stands every year. At the ball park, spectators are asked to give a "free will" offering in exchange for a ticket.

Asked to approximate his followers, the Elder insists: "The world is our parish. There's no way to determine how many we have among us in our unseen radio audience. But this means nothing. Numbers and amounts mean nothing to us. We are one or we are many, we see no difference."

Michaux boasts of the non-segregation policy of his churches. He says to white followers: "You are my guests; sit wherever you please. I am not going to point out any special seats."

His radio talks are not prepared. He usually talks extemporaneously on a subject he thinks of just before he goes on the air. But a staff of secretaries takes down his every word. The speeches are then published in his newspaper, the monthly Happy News, which has a circulation of 18,000.



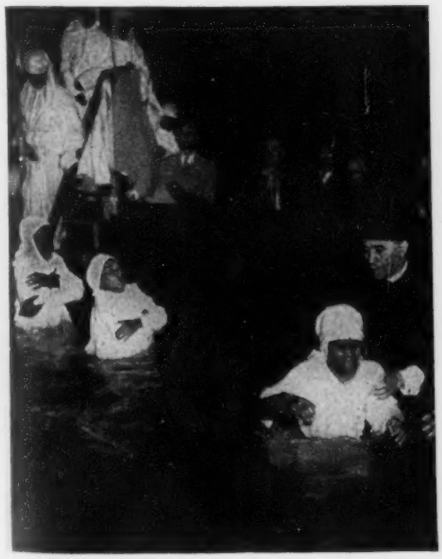
Packed ball park waits for baptizing ceremony to start. Prior to 1938, these baptizings were held off a boat, midstream in Potomac River. Choir (right) will have its first record album of church songs released by Super-Disc this month. Six sides include traditional Happiness themes, including *Glory Bound Rejoicing*.

White convert from Mississippi, Samuel Joseph Martin of Mendenhall, is introduced to his congregation by Elder Michaux. Pilgrim Martin joined the Harlem Church Of God In Christ during one of Michaux's routine visits to his New York church.

At ball park, Martin waits with other converts for his turn to be baptized. When news of his conversion got to his wife and her brother, they hastened to New York to "annul the marriage" and take him home. He converted them instead.

Star of baptism steps to mike to tell audience: "I only wish that more people in Mississippi had a bit of what I have a whole lot of. I wish they would do what I am doing now." Martin's wife is now singing in Michaux's New York choir.

Martin is dipped to happy shouts of Michaux followers. Martin was introduced to crowd by Michaux as "a white man who came all the way from Mississippi to be baptized by a colored man. Bilbo is dead but God ain't dead in Mississippi."



Children cry as they enter cold river water to be baptized. Michaux himself has no children.

Blind woman wades into water for baptism. Michaux has seven churches, most once taverns or poolrooms.

Epileptic is dipped by Michaux. He had to be held firmly since he was shaking and splashing frantically.

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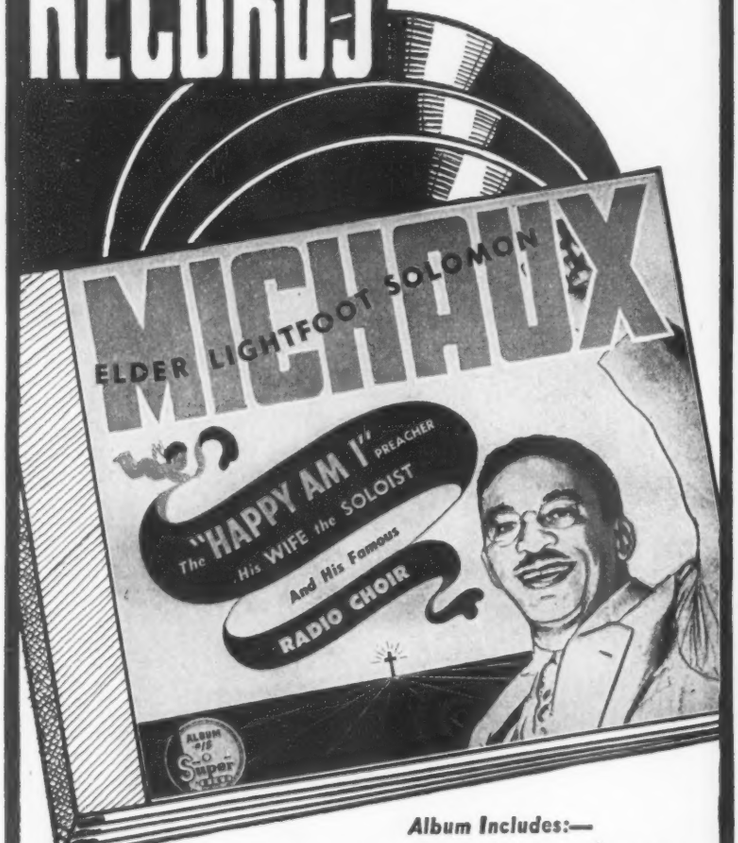

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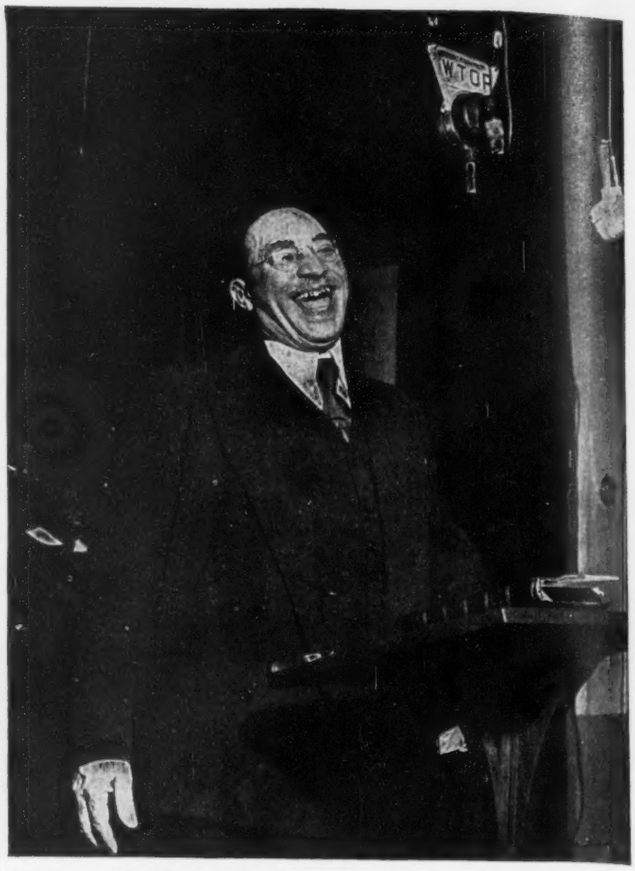

Humorous anecdotes keep Michaux's parishioners laughing at his sermons. During 1940 Democratic National Convention, he nominated Eleanor Roosevelt for Vice President. Once he got a letter from gangster John Dillinger.

Mrs. Mary Michaux sings and preaches to the flock along with her husband. Years ago she used to break up dice games by entering pool rooms and holding prayer meetings. Police say Michaux has reduced D.C. crime.

Washington headquarters of Michaux are neon-lighted with slogan "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning." He does not believe in large, pretentious churches, feels his church "is in the radios in every home." He gets 1,000 letters weekly.

EX-FISH PEDDLER IS ALMOST MILLIONAIRE

IT'S a long jump from selling fish to selling the word of God but Elder Michaux made it with room to spare. In both fields he has been spectacularly successful. He was selling 2,000,000 pounds of fish annually in his Newport News market before he turned to preaching. His religious activities have brought him close to being a millionaire with rich realty holdings from Norfolk to New York. When questioned about his property he replies:

"We do not value wealth. We feel the greatest possessions anyone can have are love and obedience to God. That is what we value. Money is something we don't discuss, don't even count."

Born the son of a Newport News saloon keeper some sixty-odd years ago, Michaux tended bar in his childhood. During his fish-peddling days he met Mary Eliza Pauline, a home missionary, who brought Michaux around to religion. It was during World War I that he got his start when he began preaching in Hopewell, Va. Later in 1919 he broadcast the first religious radio show from Newport News. But it was when he came to Washington 18 years ago and founded the Radio Church of God that his following skyrocketed to thousands.

Michaux's continued popularity is due to a magnetic personality, a happy outlook on life and the ability to do the spectacular. During the depression he set up homes for the evicted, took a failing Bernarr MacFadden lunchroom and turned it into a successful penny Happy News Cafe.

His refusal to discuss his age is explained away: "Everybody seems to want to know how old I am. I never tell that, not even my wife knows it. It's because I hate old age and death. Old age is mean, it treats people mean. I love old people, but I hate old age."

Regarding his home life, Michaux says he has "only one pet, my wife." His hobby: "Loving everybody."

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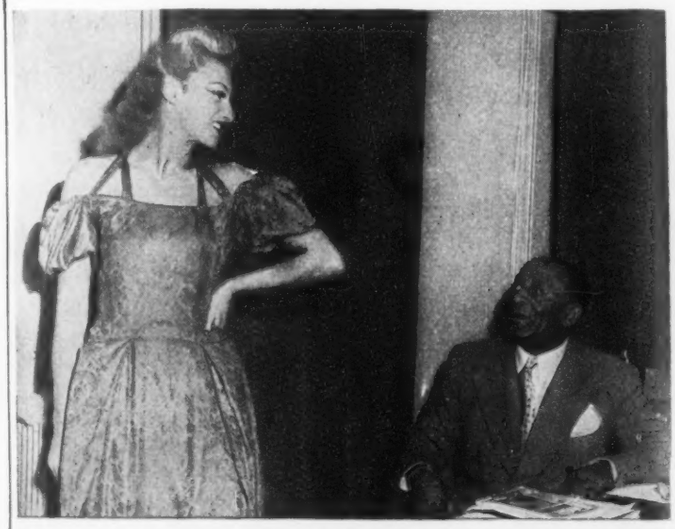
BUSINESS BOSS OF

FOR A MAN who has literally been surrounded by nude women for 20 years, Monsieur A. E. Whily-Tell of Paris is amazingly shy. Although he has worked at the world-famous strip showplace, the Folies Bergere, for two decades, the 58-year-old ex-bank clerk still prefers inanimate statues to prancing chorus girls and gaily-colored pottery to scantily—if at all—clad cuties. For Whily-Tell is administrator general of the Folies and as such, is concerned with its business rather than its beauties.

As boss of the Paris feature that with its fluff and finery has more tourist appeal than the Louvre or Eiffel Tower, the shy little Negro from Martinique, who broke into the show as a banjo player and stayed on as its business manager, presides over an outlay of 12,000,000



Nude dancer Lysiane drops into Whily-Tell's office for talk. He insists that all performers be dressed when visiting him. Typical Folies show has some 1200 costumes. Mannequins make as many as 17 changes per performance.

Folies colored star Fortunia chats backstage with Whily-Tell during a rehearsal. 19-year-old part Haitian, part Polish girl was liberated from Nazi concentration camp by Negro GIs and became Folies hit with jitterbug dances.

THE FOLIES BERGERE

francs ($80,000) a week that buys everything from G-strings to palace sets. Neither the theater's glamour nor the abundance of pulchritude disturbs the placid businesslike demeanor of the administrator who still maintains the tough 16-hours-a-day work schedule of the old days when he was a clerk in a Paris bank.

Holding the purse strings over the nine lavish shows a week put on by the Folies' 280 full-time employes is only one of three jobs he holds. He is also business manager of a movie house and secretary of the French Association of Theater Managers. Very much the conservative businessman type, he doesn't approve of unclad ladies and insists to this day that Folies performers who enter his office be dressed—in a dress.

Two-hour lunch, standard French period, is taken by Whily-Tell at home with his French wife. They have their own home on the Riviera where they take vacations. He keeps original banjo he played at Folies stored in summer house.

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NAZIS AND AMERICANS BRING BIAS INTO POST-WAR FRANCE

UNTIL the Nazi and American occupations of Paris during World War II, Folies Bergere financial boss Whily-Tell never felt any racial discrimination in France. His swift rise to a top post in the foremost French theatrical troupe represents a Horatio Alger story that is symbolic of the lack of any anti-Negro bias in Paris.

But France is beginning to change, Whily-Tell notes. "French people saw and heard during four years of German occupation how Nazi officers and soldiers walked out immediately when they saw a colored person entering a cafe, hotel or other public place. Then they saw the same ignoble practice repeated by white American servicemen during two years of American occupation. As a result, many French people are beginning to feel different. Their attitude toward colored people is becoming more and more resentful."

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Playing a major role in that battle against the menace of VD, which with serpentine certainty has been surreptitiously eating away some 3,200,000 Americans, are the thousands of Negroes who have been the greatest victims of syphilis and who are today proving among the best fighters against the wriggling spirochete germ. Everywhere that colored Americans have learned the facts about VD—that it is the leading cause of U. S. deaths, that anyone can unsuspectingly have the disease, that it can speedily and effectively be cured with modern drugs—they have proven more cooperative, more anxious to wipe out the affliction than most whites.

While syphilis has been routed on the scientific front, VD is still fighting its usual devastating battle on the social front with the aid of its No. 1 ally—ignorance. For poverty, illiteracy, slum housing go hand in hand with syphilis.

But when science and knowledge join hands to combat the disease, the results have proven nothing less than miraculous. Typical example is Alabama's Macon County (82 per cent Negro), which 16 years ago had one of the highest syphilis rates in the nation—four out of every ten rural Negroes had VD. A new county health officer, enlightened Dr. Murray Smith, was determined to do something about it. With the aid of Tuskegee Institute leaders, the area became a testing ground for an anti-VD campaign. Today the VD rate for the county is not only far better than the national average, but better than rates in most progressive Northern states.

Most progress in the battle to wipe out VD has been made in Chicago, where Negroes have showed themselves more intelligent than whites in taking blood tests to discover syphilis and in undergoing treatment for it. The percentage of the general population that submitted to tests was three times greater among colored than whites. One result has been that Chicago is the safest city in the U.S. as far as VD is concerned.

"The Pickup," professional and amateur, is the source of most of the cases of syphilis that come to the Chicago Intensive Treatment Center (below). Typical streetwalker or barfly like girl above can infect as many as 40 men a day. Nine out of every ten prostitutes are infected by venereal disease, wartime figures showed.

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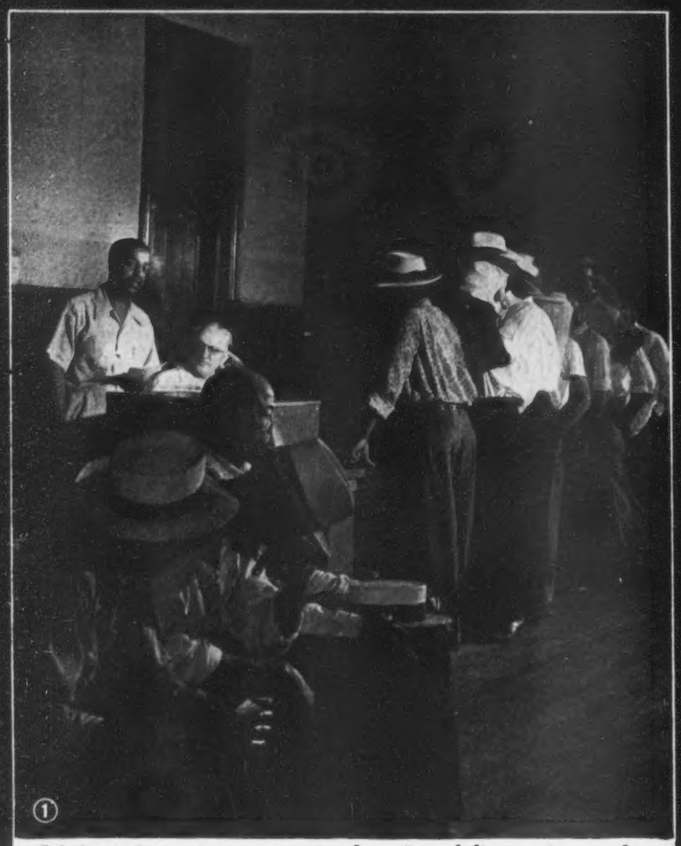
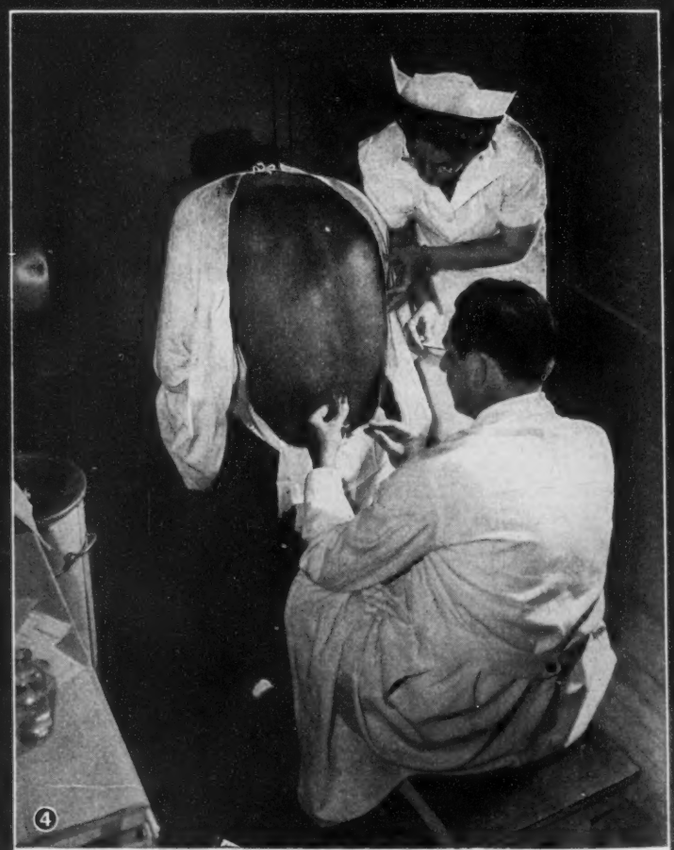


Entering center, patients are questioned on signs of disease, given number which is only identity in clinic. All personal information is confidential. No incoming calls or visitors are allowed to keep identity absolutely secret.

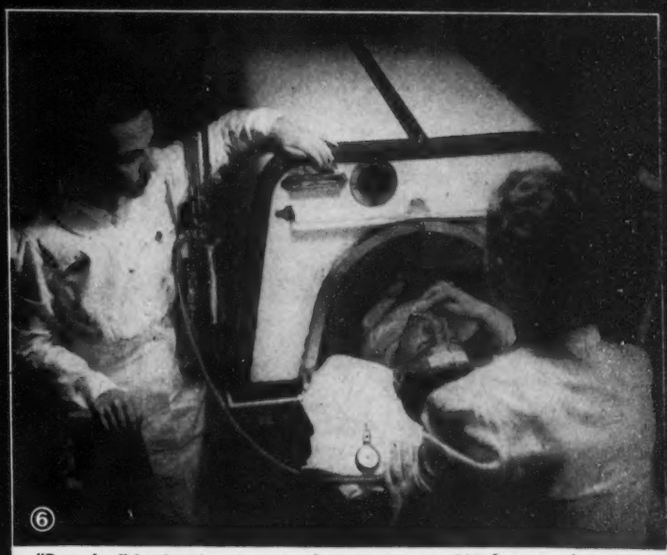
Shower is taken by patient at center after one of five outlying clinics detects signs of syphilis. Special lab can diagnose gonorrhea cases in less than minute per slide. Treatment for each patient costs hospital average of $9 daily.

Doctor examines patient's lesion (sore), takes a Darkfield sample to be rushed to lab. Primary syphilis symptoms—chancre, a hard sore often resembling a pimple, blister or large open sore—usually appear three weeks after contact.



Spinal puncture is made to determine if spirochete germs have begun to attack nervous system. Six out of every ten new cases are in the age groups from 15 to 25. About 95 per cent of all cases are acquired by sexual contact.

Shots of penicillin vary in number and amount with each patient. Average treatment consists of shots every three hours for 7½ days. Penicillin cure of gonorrhea is simple: three injections at intervals of two hours.



"Fever box" treatment raises patient's temperature to 106 degrees, where it is maintained for six hours under watchful eyes of nurse. Blood pressure is taken every hour, pulse every 15 minutes. Radio music is played for patients.

SPIROCHETES TRAVEL FASTER THAN VD 'DETECTIVES'

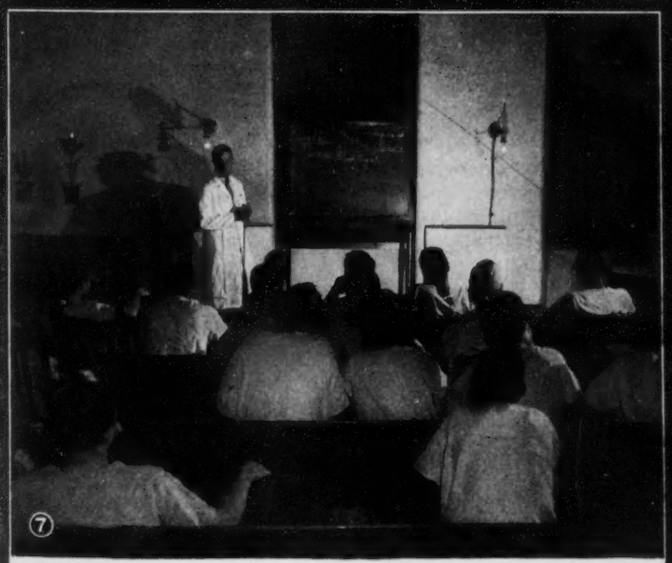
ARMED with needles, educational techniques and the awesome penicillin, the six-story, 59-year-old converted hospital which is today Chicago's Intensive Treatment Center turns out patients cured of syphilis with a free rapid-fire treatment that uses assembly-line techniques and modern production efficiency.

But it does more than cure the victim; it employs a staff of VD "detectives" called epidemiologists who track down the source of the disease. Patients are informed of the nature of VD right off, that it didn't come from "lifting a heavy load," "from green liquor" or "from a toilet seat." It is caused by intimate sexual contact in 95 out of 100 cases, the victim is told, and then interrogated on where he or she picked it up.

Then starts a hunt from house to house, from bar to bar for the VD suspect. The epidemiologist will literally "knock on any door" to track down the diseased person. Many times these investigators find that spirochetes travel faster than they can. Chicago's health board director, Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, recalls the case of one promiscuous 13-year-old girl who spread syphilis to 32 men and women before she was apprehended. She infected three "boy friends" with the disease. They in turn passed it on to six girls, who gave it to 13 more men, who spread it to at least six more girls.

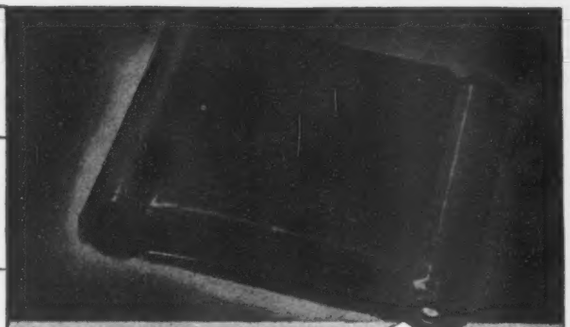
It is estimated that every syphilitic is responsible for the infection of at least one to three other persons. More than 200,000 persons contact the diseases for the first time each year.

Unfortunately no vaccine has been found yet that can immunize people from the disease. Too often the unsuspecting get it (more than 40 per cent of those who go to doctors with other complaints can recall no occasion when they might have become infected) and the only sure way of knowing whether or not infection has occurred is a routine blood test.



Frank lectures on cause and cure of VD is given patients. Released patients often help friends identify symptoms. They report regularly to make sure disease is gone, are instructed: "No alcohol or sexual intercourse for 90 days."

Tracking down source of syphilis from clues furnished by patient, epidemiologist tells girl she is suspected of having VD and is asked to go to clinic or private doctor for examination. Contact-tracers can't make arrests.



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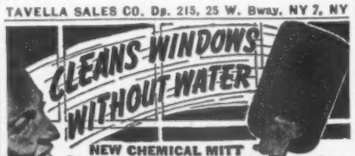

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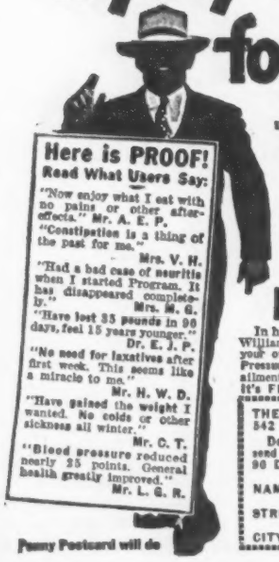

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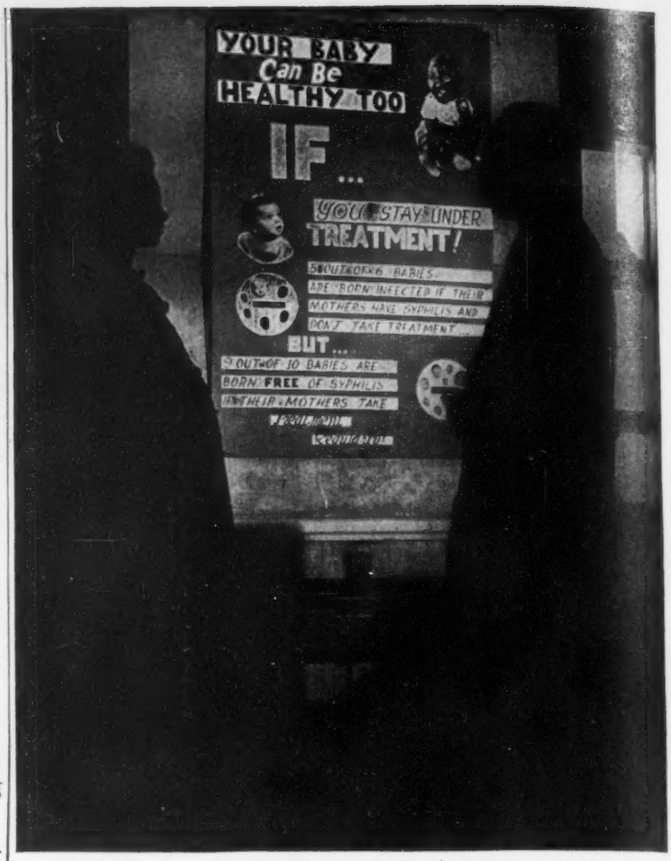


Expectant mothers respond well to drugs used to treat syphilis, can be 98 per cent certain they will not have syphilitic baby after cure. Tests during pregnancy are required in 32 states. Five of six mothers with syphilis bear dead or diseased babies.

FACTS ON SYPHILIS ARE POTENT

IN A DIXIE Negro high school, an educational movie on VD was shown to students recently. Afterward an 11-year-old boy came to the principal's office in tears, saying, "I think I have that disease."

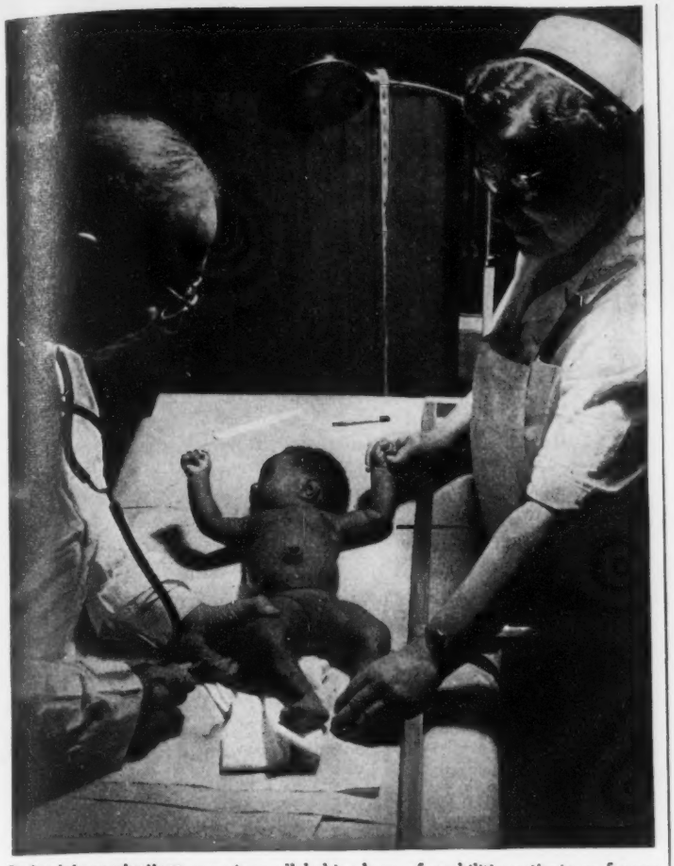
The principal suggested that the boy have his father take him to the family doctor. But the boy's father brushed him off: "Go along, son, you've been drinking too much red soda pop."

Finally the principal himself took the lad to a physician and the youth was found to have a complicated case of gonorrhea.

The case of this Southern boy is symbolic of the new and old attitude toward syphilis, of the advances by fighters against VD who for years were thwarted not only by lack of an effective cure but also by the public's hush-hush attitude towards the disease (just 15 years ago U. S. Surgeon General Thomas Parran was kept off the radio for mentioning the word "syphilis").

Aside from penicillin, medical men have found information about syphilis to be the most effective weapon in the battle against VD. This has been proven again and again, especially in the South where several cities and states have taken the lead in an open war on VD. Alabama, which took the boldest action through passage of a state law requiring all persons to have their blood examined, got its inspiration from an experiment by a plantation owner with his colored tenant farmers. When farm owner Bruce Henderson noted the poor health of the 100 Negro families on his plantation, he talked it over with the menfolks and convinced them that it would be to their benefit to have everyone take blood tests. Many cases of syphilis were found and put under treatment. The health level zoomed upward.

But Henderson could not isolate his plantation and inevitably new infection was brought back from town hotspots or other farms. When he was elected a state senator, one of the first pieces of legislation he introduced was for compulsory blood tests. Negro leaders have been among the most enthusiastic supporters of the law because in medicine, as elsewhere, Negroes have been last to be considered when Southern legislatures are appropriating money for VD treatment. In Alabama



Post-natal examinations are given all babies born of syphilitic patients or former patients. Percentage of infant deaths due to syphilis has been cut in half in last decade but 13,000 tots were stillborn with congenital syphilis in 1943.

WEAPONS IN WAR ON DISEASE

and in cities like Savannah, Georgia, and Oklahoma City, where anti-VD drives have been sponsored by the community, Negroes have turned out en masse to cooperate.

Because syphilis is "The Great Imitator" and can be mistaken for so many other ailments, blood tests are the only positive means of identifying the disease. Its early outward signs may be a fever blister or a painless sore that disappears in several weeks and is dismissed as a minor trouble. The secondary stage is more positive: a skin rash that may be mistaken for measles, chicken pox or a food allergy. If not caught here, surface signs of syphilis may disappear entirely. But internally the spirochete eats away at the body, eventually causing heart failure, blindness, insanity or numerous other troubles. And every syphilitic is as menacing as a walking case of smallpox.

Up until several years ago, curing VD was a long, painful process. Until the 1930's the only means of treatment were compounds of arsenic, together with bismuth and mercury, taken over periods as long as two years because of their poisonous nature. Seven out of ten patients never finished their treatment. Ten years ago rapid arsenic treatment was developed. This cure required only one week in the hospital but was quite dangerous to the patient. Combined with fever treatment, this was cut to one day in some cases but the treatment was not recommended for general use.

The advent of penicillin during the war finally gave doctors a weapon which they could use on all patients. In use for three years, it has already proved its claim to be a miracle drug. It is economical (one dose of 200,000 units in beeswax costs 66 cents wholesale, sells for $2 over the drugstore counter) and is as quick, effective and certain a cure as has yet been devised by medical science. It offers mankind its first hope of completely wiping out the disease. Surgeon General Parran believes VD could be banished forever if every person in the U. S. would submit simultaneously to the nine-day penicillin treatment. However, the amount of penicillin required for such a vast campaign is still far beyond the nation's productive capacity.

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WAS LINCOLN ANTI-NEGRO?

TWO WARS and the New Deal have bequeathed today's younger generation of U.S. Negroes with a defiant, audacious militance that is unresisting in the crusade for deliverance from what has passed for "democracy" in America since Emancipation.

Firm and unyielding in his hunger for equality in all spheres of American life, today's Negro citizen is a happy omen of a tomorrow where competence rather than complexion determines a man's status in the social order. In looking ahead to the future, however, too many alert, intelligent and far-seeing Negroes are tending of late to shun the past, to forget noble traditions, to minimize heroic pioneering deeds by not only their forefathers but also courageous white liberals.

On this 138th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, it is "altogether fitting and proper," as the Great Emancipator would say, to take inventory on contemporary attitudes toward the American who played the foremost role in history to advance the Negro race along the road to full freedom under the vaunted Stars and Stripes. For in recent years Lincoln has been the target of increasing slander and vituperation by Negroes who should know better. Those who, like the lad on the opposite page, looked up to "Honest Abe" as the greatest white friend the Negro ever had are a diminishing lot.

The Two Sides of Lincoln

I have no purpose to introduce political and social equality between the white and the black races. There is a physical difference between the two, which, in my judgment, will probably forever forbid their living together upon a footing of perfect equality; and, inasmuch as it becomes a necessity that there must be a difference, I . . . am in favor of the race to which I belong having the superior position.

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True democracy makes no inquiry about the color of the skin . . . I regard, therefore, the exclusion of the colored people as a body from the elective franchise as incompatible with true democratic principles.

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Your race suffer greatly, by living among us, while ours suffer from your presence. When you cease to be slaves, you are yet far removed from being . . . on an equality with the white race . . . But for your race among us there could not be war . . . It is better for us both to be separated.

* * *

Let us discard all this quibbling about this man and the other man, this race and that race being inferior, and therefore must be placed in an inferior position. Let us discard all these things, and unite as one people throughout the land, until we shall once more stand up declaring that all men are created equal.

The Lincoln Debunkers

STUBBORN CONTENTION of the Lincoln debunkers is that basically he was a Southerner interested in keeping the South in the Union with or without slavery, that he disliked Negroes and wanted to send them back to Africa, that he believed the Negro was not the equal of the white man. For every one of these accusations conclusive support can be found in the many speeches and letters of Lincoln, as typical quotations on this page show. Convinced of their one-sided views, this doubting claque of self-styled new Negroes have smugly blackballed Lincoln and maintained a quiet, invidious and sometimes effective word-of-mouth campaign of sniping to divest Lincoln of the respectful homage which most colored Americans feel is due him. Strangely enough they have found an ally in one pro-Southern historian, Dr J. G. Randall, who writes: "Lincoln was nearer to the Southern than the average abolitionist viewpoint in regard to the Negro race."

Fortunately those myopic Negroes who libel the memory of Lincoln will get as cold a brushoff from the big majority of knowing Negroes as will Professor Randall from the mass of unreconstructed rebels.

Bottleneck Logic

THE TREMENDOUS FLAW in the case of the Lincoln detractors lies in their insistence on weighing some of his statements and his actions out of the context of history as a whole, of refusing to look upon Lincoln the man and Lincoln the President as a well rounded personality and politician, of trying to stack up the Lincoln of some four score years ago to modern-day standards of what constitutes a friend of the Negro. Some have claimed that Lincoln was a product of the inevitable trend of his times, that his administration reflected the change in the U. S. from feudal plantation rule to modern industrialism. And yet of the Presidents before and after Lincoln not a one showed a whit of the leadership and valor that Lincoln displayed in his battle for freedom for humanity.

His was an almost impossible task of reconciling a divided nation on the battlefield and in his infinite wisdom he was able to test closely the pulse of the people and move ahead towards his unquestioned goal of freedom for the Negro only as fast as the majority of the nation would keep up with him.

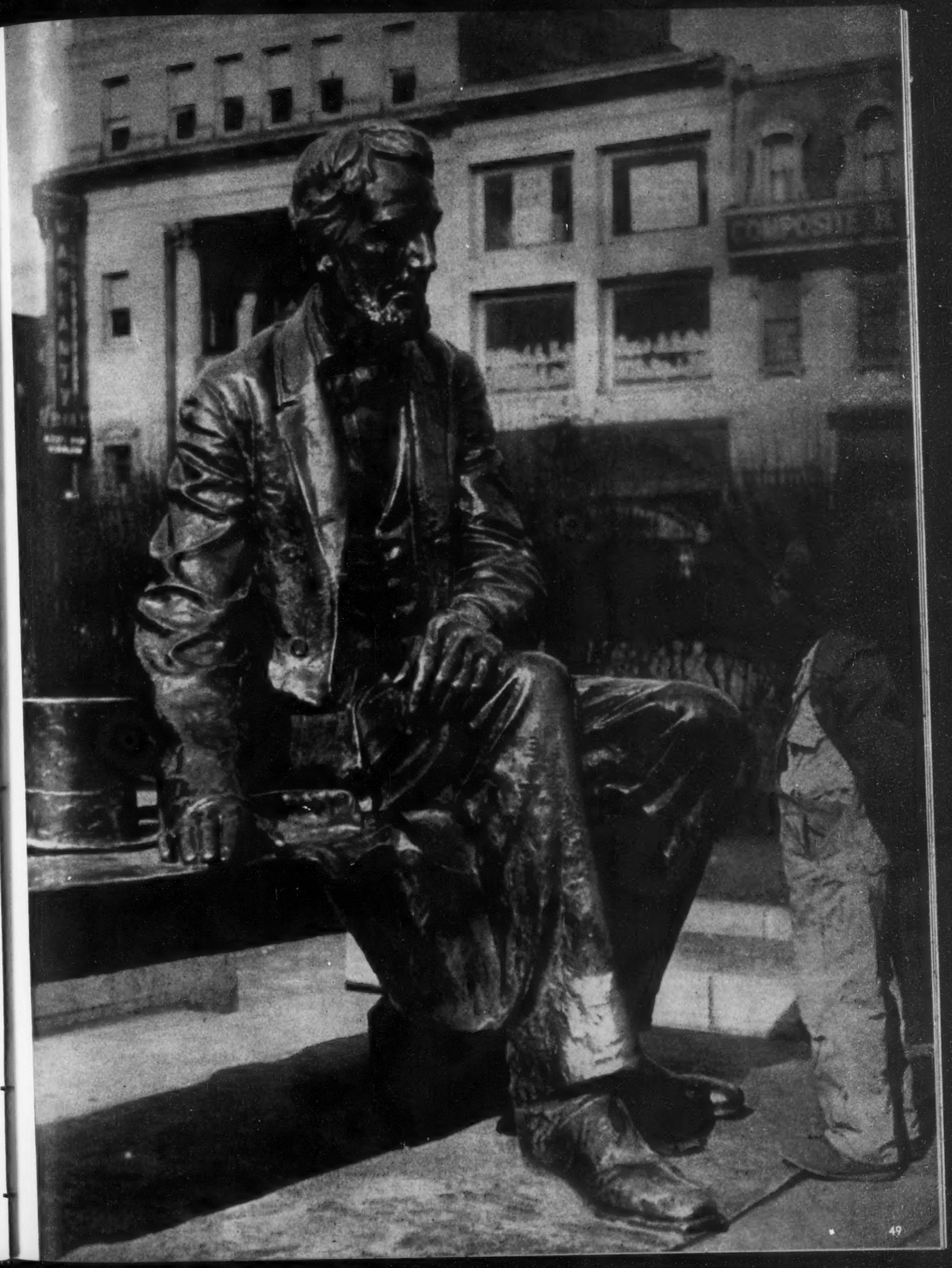
A certain type of bottleneck logic points vindictively to Lincoln's order nullifying General David Hunter's proclamation in 1862 freeing the slaves in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina but glosses over the fact that final emancipation was given all slaves at a more expedient moment some months later. Remembered is Lincoln's onetime support to colonization of all Negro slaves in Africa but forgotten his later opposition to the plan. Bitter criticism is leveled at Lincoln's vacillation and appeasement of the South and the Democrats at many points in his career but little is said of his determined, iron-willed stand against the slavers at crucial moments. Such was his decision in favor of Emancipation although only two of his Cabinet members agreed even in part with him.

Keeping Pulse of the People

WALKING a tight rope between the Abolitionist and Copperhead camps, Lincoln performed amazing feats of sleight of hand to preserve the Union and end slavery. Many times the Abolitionists denounced him for his gradualism, for his caution. On the other side many white soldiers quit the Union Army in 1863 after he issued the Emancipation, claiming the war was no longer to save the Union but to free the Negro.

Frederick Douglass best summed up his remarkable accomplishments on the occasion of the unveiling of the Freedman's Monument in Washington's Lincoln Park back in 1876:

"His great mission was to accomplish two things: first, to save his country from dismemberment and ruin; and second, to free his country from the great crime of slavery. To do one or the other, or both he must have the earnest sympathy and powerful cooperation of his fellow countrymen; without this primary and essential condition to success, his efforts must have been vain and fruitless. Had he put the abolition of slavery before the salvation of the Union, he would have inevitably driven from him a powerful class of the American people and rendered resistance to Rebellion impossible. Viewed from the genuine abolition ground, Mr. Lincoln seemed tardy, cold, dull and indifferent; but measuring him by the sentiment of his country, a sentiment he was bound as a statesman to consult, he was swift, zealous, radical and determined."


COMPOSITE

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Mix 1 cup fresh lemon juice, 1 cup sugar. Add 1 fifth of gin to juice and ice. Mix well.

Add 2 bottles of champagne. This amount will serve 25 persons. Moderate-priced champagne will do.

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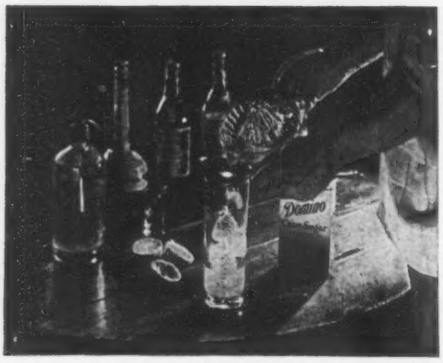
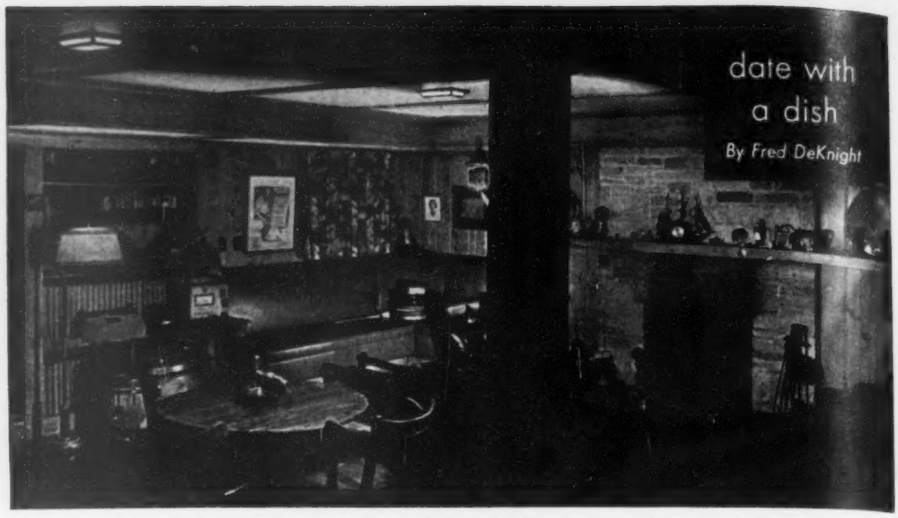


Mix juice of ¾ lemon and ¾ lime with 1 tbsp. confectioner's sugar in shaker with plenty of ice cubes.

Add 1 jigger white rum, 1 jigger brandy and ½ jigger green creme de menthe. Add club soda to fill.



Air-conditioned, knotty pine-lined den of the Julian Blacks is ideal spot for a cocktail party. Walls are decorated with photos of Joe Louis' biggest fights; book shelves have close to 100 volumes of clippings on bouts.

COCKTAIL MONTH

BECAUSE February has two holidays—Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays—as well as time-honored Valentine's Day, it has long been a favorite party month. If you're lucky to have a spacious yet cozy den like the comfortable game room in the Chicago South Side apartment of realtor Julian Black, ex-manager of heavyweight champ Joe Louis, it's certain February will be a big social month for you. The Blacks, who use their recreation room for storing mementos of Louis fights (like the gold-covered glove that Joe wore the night he kayoed Max Schmeling), find it perfect for party giving. They have a built-in bar where they dispense unusual cocktails like French 75 (left), which originated during World War I when U. S. soldiers mixed powerful gin with French champagne.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Black find soft leather lounging chairs in front of fireplace ideal for relaxing.

Making cocktails (supposed to have started during the American Revolution when a Yorktown tavern put pheasant tail feathers on the bar to stir drinks) has been called an art but it has become pretty much of a routine. Defined as "a fairly short drink made by mixing liquor with fruit juices, eggs or bitters, either by stirring or shaking in a glass," cocktails are mostly a matter of following directions. Taking time to measure ingredients can make the difference between a pleasant drink or a potential Mickey Finn.

ANGEL TIP COCKTAIL

Mix 2 tbsps. honey, 2 cups fresh grapefruit juice, 6 jiggers rye or bourbon. Short-stemmed cocktail glasses should be used for this drink. Ingredients serve 6.

Chill glasses upside down in ice. Rub inside of glass with mint. Dip chilled glass in powdered sugar. Allow to sit before pouring. Decorate with mint and cherries.

MEMOIRS OF A PULLMAN PORTER

'Pappy' Prescott retires at 70 with fond memories of 30 years of 'working on the railroad'

By RAY DUNCAN

Veteran porter Henry A. J. Prescott became an institution on the City of Los Angeles where he did everything from carrying bags to sprinkling salt on icy steps. Prescott made up beds in average time of six minutes.

TIME WAS when Henry A. J. Prescott used to know where he was when he woke up in the night. That was when he was a Pullman porter and was spending his nights rushing back and forth between Chicago and Los Angeles. But for the last few months, since he's retired and settled down in Southern California, he wakes up sometimes in a cold sweat wondering whether he's on the Arizona desert or rolling across the Nebraska flats.

"I always used to know," he grins mournfully now in his Los Angeles bungalow. "I could judge our speed by the sound of the wheels, and by the sway and swing of the car. After 30 years of portering you get so you can tell. I was on the same run for more than seven years, so I could figure where we were all the time without ever looking out the window at all or thinking much about it. If we made extra good time, or if we stopped somewhere too long, I noticed it even if I was sound asleep. I made allowance for it, and whenever I woke up I knew where I was right away."

That talent was convenient in Prescott's line of work. A question he heard about 20 times a day was, "Porter, where are we now?" He could toss off an answer without giving it a thought, and without looking up from his chores. New porters, green men with only four or five years on the road, have to fumble with watches, remember timetables, add or subtract the train's current gain or loss, and then stoop and look out the window for a landmark.

"Porters have a saying," Prescott explained, "for all those passengers who keep asking all the time, 'Porter, where are we now?' They say, 'Madam, we are on the train.' "

But answers like that are never spoken out loud. The Pullman company, which hires all railroad porters, requires its employees to act and speak as if the travelling public were never wrong, never rude, and never unreasonable.

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tained for 30 years. It has left its mark on Henry Prescott. Although at 70, the compulsory retirement age for Pullman porters, he's vigorous and cheerful, deep-voiced and exceptionally light on his feet, there's a look of weariness around his eyes that shadows them even when he grins. And he has a way of ducking when he speaks, as if from many years of rolling with the public's punches. Short, broad and thick-chested, Prescott is solid, not fat. His big hands rest easily on his knees without fidgeting. A heavy gold watch chain loops twice across his vest, with a 32nd Degree Masonic emblem as a fob.

Indifferent to Movie Celebrities

PRESCOTT has been in 14 train wrecks without ever getting a scratch. For several very uncomfortable years his wreck number stood at 13, and he was relieved when the fourteenth finally happened. Except for that uneasy era he has philosophically refused to worry about train wrecks.

Another mark of the philosopher in Prescott is his cool indifference to celebrities. He has made down beds for hundreds of famous people, politicians, scientists, financiers, gangsters, actors, writers and such, but he remembers only a few by name. Offhand he could think of only Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Fatty Arbuckle, Charlie Chaplin and William Randolph Hearst.

"I've carried all kinds of governors and senators and people like that, but men in politics generally don't want to be known on a train, so I never paid any attention to their names. I guess they're afraid they'll get to cutting up and the voters back home might hear about it.

"I guess I've carried nearly all the movies at one time or another. I had a movie on my car not long ago—big heavyset fellow, John something."

That "John something" turned out to be Van Johnson.

"During the war," continued Prescott, after that was straightened out, "one of the movies was on my car, very pretty woman and nice as she could be. I'll think of her name in a minute. Anyway she was travelling with her mother, and they ran out of matches and asked me to bring them some, and they used those matches to draw straws with, whether the daughter would make the return trip by train or by airplane. The airplane won. I was

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standing there watching them draw. Well, on the return trip my train was in Las Vegas when we got word that the daughter's airplane had crashed." That was Prescott's version of the death of Carole Lombard.

Passengers Who Never Would Be Missed

"I STARTED OFF to be a porter for just one summer, in Los Angeles one time when I was broke. I'd been knocking around hotel work in Texas, where I was raised, and I remembered I had a friend of mine in Los Angeles who was a porter. I guess almost every old-time porter started off thinking he'd make just a couple of runs, or maybe use the job for transportation from one part of the country to another, and then quit. Most of them stayed on until retirement age. When I reached 70 I had to retire, but I wish I had 20 more years to go on the same train."

Prescott's train was the City of Los Angeles, a Union Pacific streamliner, and his car was an air-conditioned dreamboat of pastel shades, chrome plating, and all the latest gadgets. His assignment was one of the sweetest on the road, but he got it only after many long years of service in the country's worst cars, beginning with the slow-moving gas-lit wagons still in use on some railroads in 1917.

"Mostly I had good people all the time, but sometimes I got somebody that made me feel like I wanted to go and jump off the train. One cranky passenger can spoil a whole trip. My friends always said to me when I came in off a trip, 'How can you get off that train grinning and happy every time you come in, when you've been cooped up there with the public all that time?' Well, when I got a crank on my car I just kept telling myself that after this trip is over I'll probably never see that person again in my life. That always made me happy."

Even without that sort of self-hypnosis Prescott is an extremely genial man. He doesn't like to talk about the cranky types who gave him a bad time for 30 years. But when pressed he does have a list of the passengers who would never be missed.

"I guess the all-night card players bothered me about as much as any. Gin rummy was the worst of all. They didn't want their beds made down until dawn, but when they were ready they wanted them down *right now*. One time a gin rummy player noticed me hanging around a game about midnight and he said, 'Porter, when do you go to bed?' and I said, 'I go to bed *after* you do, sir,' but he still didn't get the idea.

"I carried a woman one time who had 12 separate pieces of luggage with her, and she wanted every piece put just so. People bring more and more luggage all the time and they won't trust it up in the baggage car. They want it all right there in the seat.

"Some people wanted their beds changed around after I got them made up. They wanted their head facing the other way. And whenever someone said to me, 'Porter, make my bed up right away, I'm turning in early tonight,' I figured *that's* a man who's going up to the club car and I won't see him again till after midnight. Then there was the drinking crowd that I had to keep quieting down so the other passengers could sleep. And the railroad romeos—I don't know what there is about a train!

"Some folks just love to be waited on, and they'll devil a porter to death with little things all the time. 'Porter, bring me a glass of water, a pillow, a towel, a sandwich, a table, a hatbox, a fan, some ice. What time is it? Porter, where are we now? Why are we going so fast, or so slow? Porter why didn't you come right away the last time I buzzed for you?'"

Prescott's voice, in reporting these requests, rose from its natural deep relaxed bass to high plaintive tones of protest. Then it dropped suddenly: "You understand, I'm only talking about the cranks. Most of my passengers were good people."

Prodded again, he continued with the cranks. "Some people let their children run wild on a train. When they did I always went over to the mama and told her about a child last week that fell down in the aisle and had to have four stitches just above its right eye. That was a fib, of course. I had to fib to people all the time. Like when some folks first get on the car they say, Porter,

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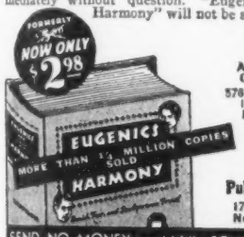

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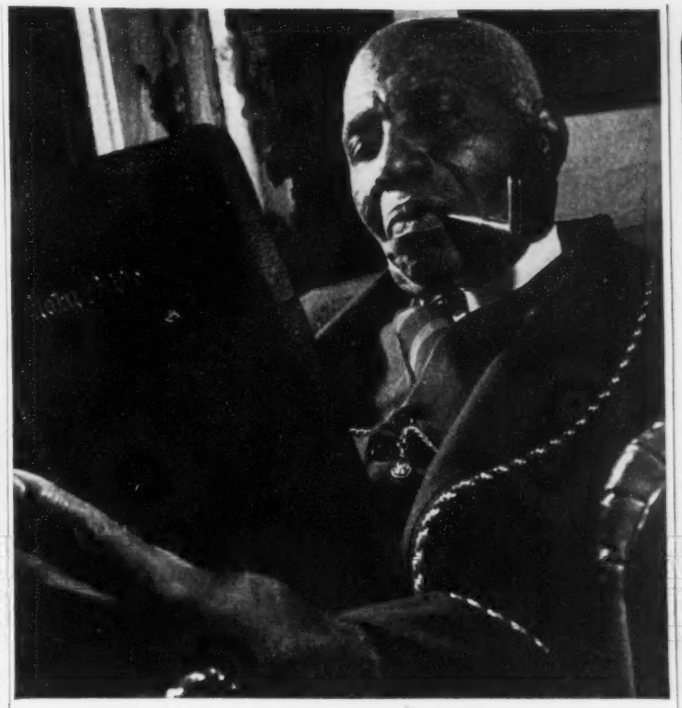

Reading Bible at home is favorite relaxation for Prescott. He has found the Golden Rule a splendid guide in his years as a porter.

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it's too hot in here—or too cold or too stuffy or too drafty or something—and I made out I was adjusting the air conditioning system for them, but I just jiggled it a couple of times and put it back where it was, where it's supposed to be, and they always said, 'That's better, Porter!' I got tired of telling lies all the time but that's what you've got to do to keep the people happy. They say a porter goes everywhere but heaven. You've always got to have an answer ready, and you've got to make out you're doing something about every little complaint, no matter how silly it is."

Like all veteran porters Prescott collected a bag of little jokes to cover any situation, and he used them constantly to ease himself out of tight places. "I guess I never had a real run-in with a passenger. I always was able to joke my way out. One kind of passenger you have to joke along is the one that isn't much used to travelling but he tries to make out he's an old hand. He calls the porter 'George' and he plays the big sport. Real old-time travellers are nice to serve. They take things easy and everything is smooth and pleasant and they get fine service too. One way to tell a green traveller, he starts to talk right away about the tip you're going to get. 'George,' he says, 'you take good care of me and I'll make it worth your while.'"

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PRESCOTT has ideas about tipping too, but that's another topic he would just as soon avoid. Like most people who have long been on the receiving end of tips, he's instantly on the defensive when the subject comes up.

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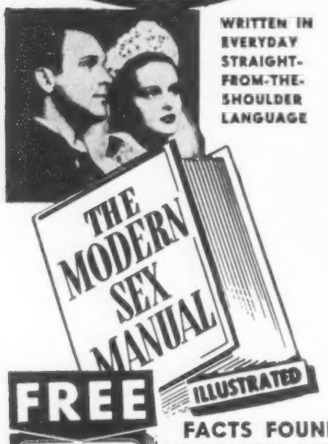

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fully. "Nothin'. I've got that many a time, too. And I've got many a nickel tip, too, to cover a three-day trip.

"Whenever I got a nickel I always thanked the person the same as for a dollar or anything else, and not sarcastic either. I carried a man to Los Angeles one time and he asked for all kinds of extra service all the way, and then when he got off he handed me a dime. I said, 'Thank you very much,' and he walked off a few steps and then he turned around grinning and came back to me. 'You're a pretty good scout, porter,' he said. 'I just wanted to see if you were going to act uppity when I handed you that dime. Here's seven dollars for you.'

"I've had many a passenger pull that very same trick," Prescott sighed, "and each one looks mighty proud of himself and tickled to death about thinking of it."

The timid tipper is another old acquaintance of every veteran porter. He hands out his coin or his bill and says, "Is that all right, porter? Is that enough?"

"Now what in the world could I say to that?" Prescott shrugged helplessly. "Of course I always said it's all right. I'd have to say the same if it was a dime or ten dollars."

In the language of porters a generous tipper is a person who "knows how to travel." Porters take the custom very much for granted, and any close analysis annoys them a little, as a religious person might be annoyed if his faith were closely questioned.

Occupational Insomnia

SERVICE MEN never were heavy tippers, but they got along fine with porters anyhow. The reason may have been that they had so much in common. A porter's life, on duty, is as closely disciplined as an infantryman's basic training. From the Pullman Company he gets a handbook called "Instructions to Car Service Employees," which is written in the same stiff style as the Army's training manuals. "Porters will wear blue uniform coats at all terminal stations," says the manual, using the military "will" meaning "must." Under way the porter wears a short white jacket, which will be "fully buttoned at all times."

The manual's little hints to the porter show how complicated his life can get. It tells him what he must do, for instance, when one passenger thinks another has stolen something from him (calm them down, call the conductor, and fill out the necessary forms and reports); and how to care for blind passengers with Seeing Eye dogs. The manual urges the porter to see that card sharks don't fleece unwary passengers in his car. It warns him that Alabama state law forbids card playing of any kind, and that the sovereign state of Maryland will be displeased if he sweeps the car without first sprinkling the floor.

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"Some people think all a porter does is make beds. That's only the start," Prescott declared, and the manual bears him out.

Porters have so many little chores, in fact, that regulations allow them only four hours sleep each night on the road. Prescott got so used to this arrangement that he often slept far less than the four hours allowed. If necessary a few minutes' dozing each night would see him through the whole trip. This occupational insomnia was useful many times when thoughtless or eccentric passengers demanded even those off-duty hours from him.

"I carried a man to Chicago one time that told me just as soon as he got on, 'Porter, make my bed down right away, I'm afraid I'm a very sick man.' When he got in bed he said, 'Now I want you to stay right here beside my bed and watch me. I think I'm going to die tonight.' I said, 'Now don't talk that way, you aren't going to die.' All night long he kept peeking out the curtains to see if I was standing nearby. Toward dawn he said, 'Porter, bring me a steak, medium rare, and some potatoes and a salad and hot rolls and lots of coffee.' I got the food from a friend of mine in the diner and this man ate all of it up there in his bunk. After that I quit staying by his bed. About 10 the next morning he stuck his head out and said, 'Porter, how do I look?' I said, 'I think you're going to make it all right.' He stayed in bed all the way to Chicago and he had himself a steak every meal, except one breakfast he had a double serving of chicken fricassee."

Prescott has played nurse to many passengers that really were seriously ill, but no one ever has died in his car and no one ever was born there. Several such vital statistics have occurred, however, in other cars on the same train with him. The new babies sometimes were named after the Pullman car, if its name wasn't too poetic or exotic, and once a baby was named after the porter who had served as an emergency midwife.

Model of Good Nature

OFTEN it was Prescott's painful duty to listen to that old standard smoking car joke, told in dialect, about the porter who put the wrong man off the train. But things like that do sometimes happen, even to the very best of porters. They have happened twice to Henry Prescott.

An Eastern capitalist asked Prescott one night to get him up at dawn and put him off at a lonely Nevada village where he was going to inspect some mining properties. The financier awoke late next morning, stuck his head out the curtain and roared down the aisle, "Porter, where are we now?" Prescott gasped, put his hands to his head, and groaned, "I guess I forgot you. I've carried you past Caliente already." They had to stop their train and flag down the east-bound to get the angry investor back to his holdings. Just before he left he simmered down enough to say, "Well, porter, at least you admitted you forgot. You didn't try to tell me that you called me several times and I just wouldn't wake up. I give you credit for that." And he stomped off the train.

"Another time," said Prescott with his most mournful grin, "a lettuce buyer in California asked me to put him off at a little town called Gonzales. I was new on that run and I asked the conductor where Gonzales was. He said the next stop. So when the train stopped I hustled that lettuce buyer and his luggage off the train. It was just a little while before dawn. I found out later that we had made an emergency stop, way out in the country, about eight or nine miles from Gonzales. There wasn't anything I could do about it, so I never said a word about that poor man to anyone. I never did hear any more about him.

"That man," Prescott added mournfully, "handed me a dollar when he got off, too."

Those two awkward moments were almost the only ones in a career that has been nearly perfect. That is the emphatic opinion of Prescott's superiors in the Pullman Company's office, where letters of commendation for Prescott have been coming in for years. The company considered him a model of good nature, patience, tact and hard work. He was consistently their choice for special

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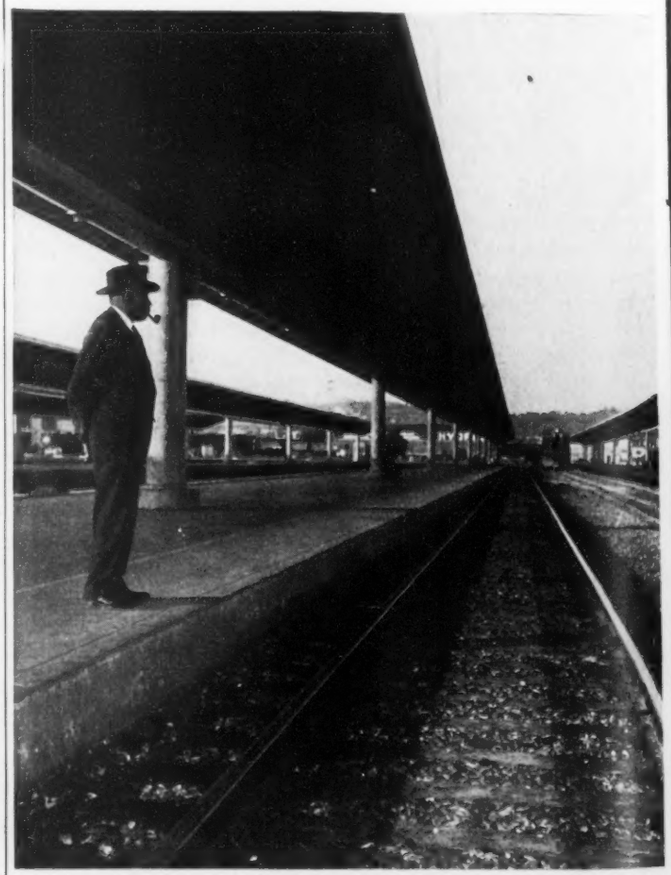
At home, in their small Los Angeles bungalow, Prescott's wife still gets phone calls constantly asking when Prescott is going east again. "We rode with Mr. Prescott the last time," they say, "and we want to try and get on his car again." Others phone to ask him to suggest somebody to work for them. "I'll hire anybody you recommend," they declare.

People have been calling him "Pappy" Prescott since long before he was old enough to earn the name. Now on the streets of Los Angeles he often is greeted with "Hi, Pappy," and he calls back an equally warm greeting.

"Who was that?" asks Mrs. Prescott, and he says, "I don't really know, but it must've been somebody I carried on the train."

Even among his fellow porters, where professional patience is taken for granted, Prescott's easy good nature was considered exceptional. He always spent much of his off-duty leisure time with other porters in the Los Angeles headquarters of the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the only all-Negro international union in the world. Although he held no office in the union, it was his principal hobby and sole social activity.

Mrs. Prescott, too, shares the general admiration for her husband's amazing disposition. "That man," she says, "is the easiest to get along with of anyone I ever saw. He won't argue with me no matter how I try, he just laughs and turns it off with a joke. He don't ever complain or get blue. But there was one thing about him that I didn't like so well. I mean the way he used to act about that train of his. You see usually he had four or five days off-duty here at home, and then he went out on the train for four or five days. Well, when it got near time for him to go out again he always started acting tickled to death!"



Still a bit lonesome, Prescott likes to go down to Union Station in Los Angeles to watch the trains come in and greet old friends who work on the Union Pacific.

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IN THE foot-worn, unpainted front room of "Fessor" and Mrs. Simpson P. Dean at coastal Columbia, North Carolina (pop. 1,090), dirt farmers and sawmill hands, domestics and storekeepers from the surrounding spongy potato-growing countryside drag in, put their straw hats on the piano, plump nickels and quarters, sometimes dollars on the treasurer's table. "Here's this week's installment on my share," they say.

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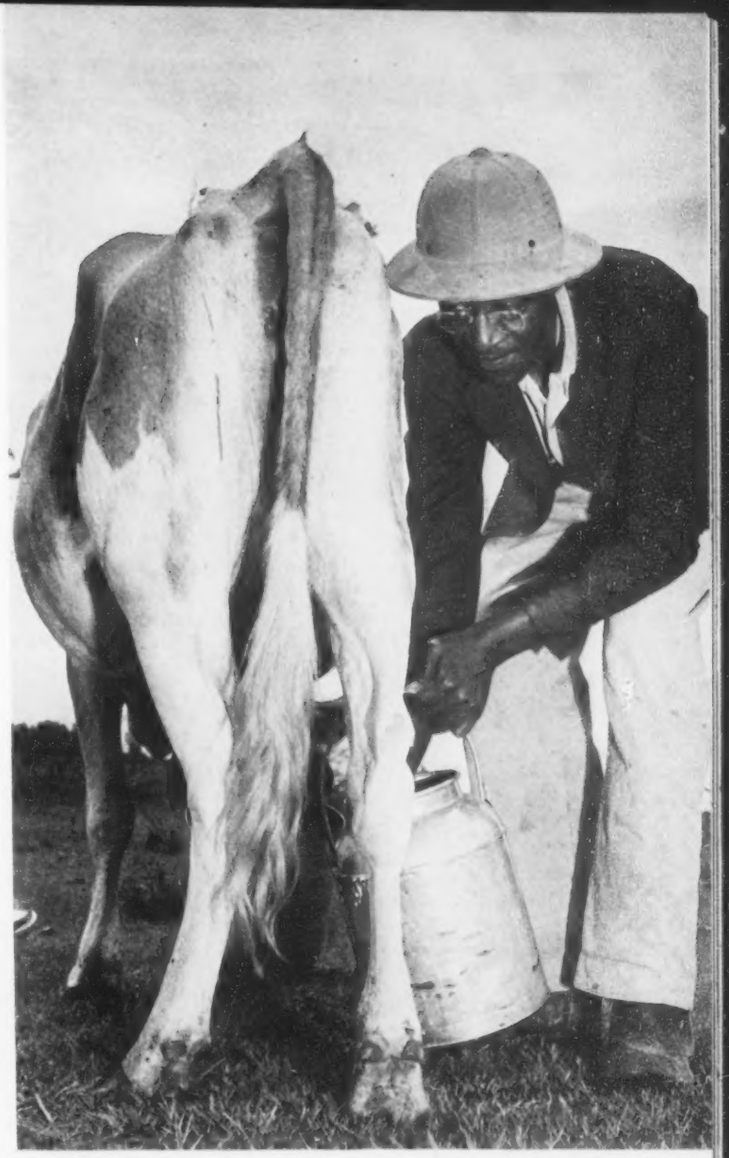
Outwardly there's nothing exciting or dramatic about this little financial transaction but behind it is a modern miracle story—the saga of how a small band of disheartened, debt-laden Negro sharecroppers pooled their meager lifetime savings into a common fund, a credit union. Then by lending themselves their own money at low interest, they achieved better housing, better farms and better living conditions in the short span of a few years.

Tyrrell's credit union was coaxed into existence by one man—tall, slim, soft-spoken Simpson Dean, who came to the county in 1929 as principal of a school that did not exist. Eight years out of a South Carolina college, Dean and his followers had to fill in a swamp with sawdust from nearby mills, haggle reluctant state boards during a depression to build the school. This set up the only high school in the county for Negroes.

During a summer of study for a master's degree at New York's Columbia University, Dean first heard of credit unions and coops. The idea stuck. It was just what Tyrrell needed. He gave up the Columbia degree and hurried home to his North Carolina Columbia.

One night in 1938 Mrs. Eliza Jones, devout churchwoman approaching 80, stood up and donated the first nickel to a savings club, later the first Negro organization chartered under the liberal North Carolina credit union laws as the Light Of Tyrrell Credit Union. Six months later with $360 deposited, the unit helped a farmer buy a brood of chickens and made other small loans for "provident or productive" purposes. When a young bride-to-be applied to get money for a wedding trousseau, the credit committee queried: "Is it providential or productive?"

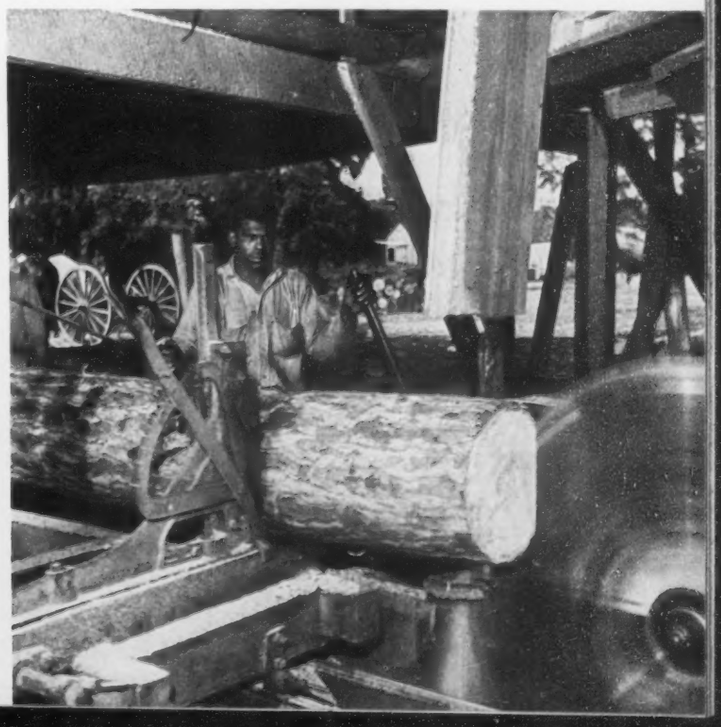
Today nine out of every ten adult Negroes in Tyrrell County are in the credit union and the "cooperative spirit" pervades the entire community.



Milking cows is regular chore with Simpson Dean when home from organizing and speaking tours. Born at Ninety Six, S. C., he was one of 11 children.

Coop grocery does brisk community business, plans branch stores. Farm-wives have bought pressure cookers (20% in county own them) through credit union.

Coop sawmill was financed by credit union. Pine lumber from local forests is used to build homes for members. Most of work is done on week ends.



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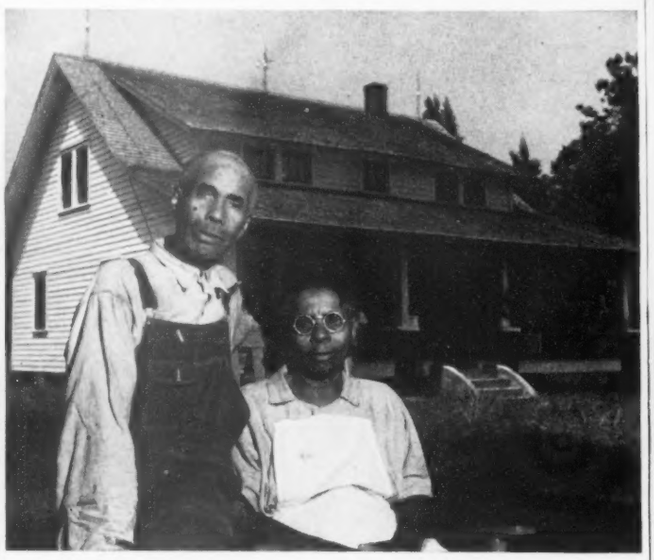

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Interracial student group worked last summer erecting credit union office building, tore down old farmhouse for lumber. Building was never finished since vigilantes chased out students who "worked, lived and prayed" together.

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This summer Dean's thinking beyond the community almost met mob disaster. When the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen desired to sponsor a small interracial student work group in Columbia to build an office building for the credit union, Dean welcomed them, provided living quarters in his home. The fellowship aims through its projects to leave evidence in different Southern communities each year as "monuments" to show that Southern whites and Negroes can work together to constructive ends, in addition to affording a means for interracial experience among southern students. When news passed around that whites, Nisei and Negroes were living together in a colored neighborhood an angry mob of 400 whites swarmed on the Dean home only to find the group had fled to a nearby farm only three minutes before. Catching up with them the mob pursued the group (including a Negro, a Nisei and a white girl) into the cornfields where they spent the night until the mob dispersed. Fearing for Dean's safety as well as their own, the students (all Southern-born) left the next day, their summer project incompleted. After receiving repeated threatening messages, the sheriff escorted Dean out of town until the tension subsided.

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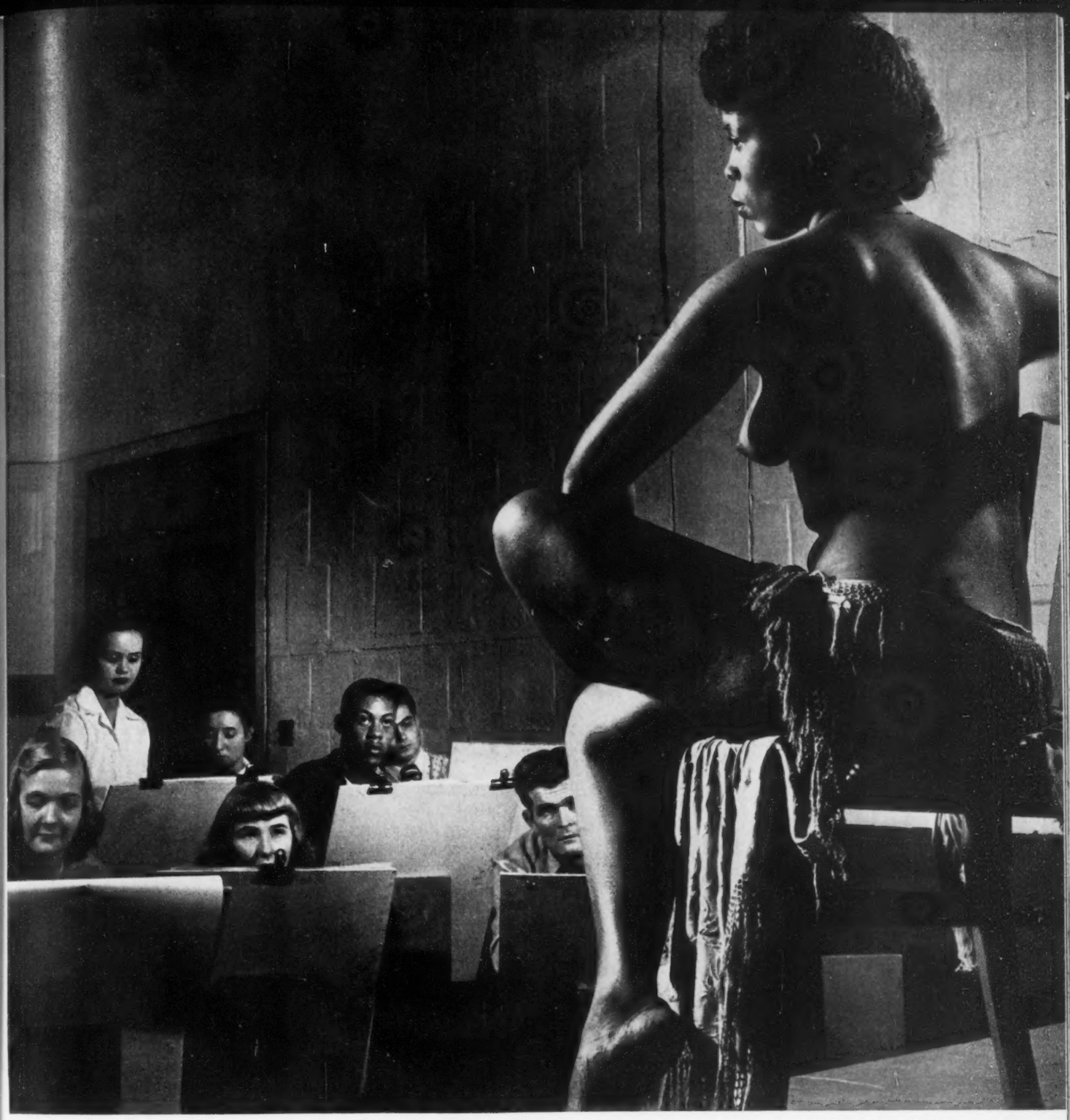

Posing for life class at Chicago Art Institute, former law student Dorothy Sutton displays perfect shape, good skin texture and ability to hold pose that makes her extremely popular with thousands of students and some of country's most famous artists. She makes $1.50 per hour posing for classes, $5 for private sittings.

ARTISTS' MODEL

Shapely Dorothy Sutton finds nude posing is pleasant work

IN AMERICA'S art schools today, Negro models are much in demand. For in one of the world's oldest professions, modeling, which began in Rome a few hundred years B.C., color is an asset rather than a liability. Artists for centuries have found the Negro's color as well as physique and features challenging to their skill and imagination and the world's greatest artists, from the day of the Renaissance to today's surrealist modernists, have been partial to Negro subjects on their canvasses.

Virtually every leading art school in the country, North and South, employs colored models, who have found their work not only pleasant but quite lucrative. Typical is shapely 27-year-old Dorothy Sutton, one of the best in the business, who works for the Chicago Art Institute, largest art school in the world which has employed colored models for 30 years. Five of its 11 models today are Negro.

Nude posing is Dorothy's specialty, and contrary to popular belief fostered by Esquire's gag cartoonists, she has found artists' morals beyond reproach. Less of them "get fresh" with their models than do bosses with their secretaries, she insists.

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Viewing annual student exhibit at Chicago Art Institute, Dorothy sees herself as sculptor saw her. For painters and sculptors, models keep the same pose for two to four weeks; for sketching, pose changes at one, three and five minute intervals.

ARTISTS FIND NEGRO

MODELING, contrary to popular notions, does not require that a person be beautiful or photogenic in order to qualify. Artists are interested mainly in such things as lines and expressions.

Typical comments by some of America's best-known artists about Negro models are:

- George Biddle: "Negro facial structure and also their coloring has always appealed highly to me. As a race they have great beauty and they offer interesting problems in lighting and color."
- Thomas Hart Benton: "I am strongly drawn to Negroes and have painted a great many and will probably do more."
- Julius Bloch: "I am moved by the structure, rhythm and character of Negro faces and figures as well as their color."
- Reginald Marsh: "Negroes are generally muscular and sinewy, pose well and give the appearance of sculpture."

Perhaps the best known of all colored models was Hilda Simms, who later became a top-rate Broadway actress in *Anna Lucasta*. During her students days at the University of Minnesota, she posed for art students and an art department teacher says "she is still remembered as the most beautiful and graceful model Minnesota ever had."

Although color can be an asset in art, there are exceptions. Some time ago, in answer to a request from Philadelphia, Manhattan sculptor Antonio Salemme answered with a beautiful nude statue of Paul Robeson. The Philadelphia Art Alliance promptly returned it with this notation: "The executive committee expressed their apprehension of the consequence of exhibiting such a nude figure in a public square, especially the figure of a Negro, as the color problem here seems to be unusually great." Said Salemme: "We sculptors don't sell many statues in Philadelphia!" And Paul Robeson went to Brooklyn.

Dorothy Sutton stumbled into her modeling career quite by accident. It was an ad in a Chicago paper for a job—any kind of a job—that robbed the world of a potential lawyer, but gave it instead, one of the best and most vivacious nude models in the profession. Several answered the ad of the bright young law student, but only one, an insurance executive, was still interested when Dorothy said she was a Negro—but he couldn't use her services, not even if she were Jewish

Best painting of Dorothy is full-length portrait by Chicago's well-known painter, Frederic Mizen. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dorothy comes from a family of teachers. Her father taught at Philander Smith College for 30 years.

MODELS RATE HIGH

like himself. He liked her voice, however, and he'd talk to her, see what he could do.

When Dorothy arrived at the executive's home, his artist wife took one look at the big dark eyes, the velvety brown skin, the shapely young body and saw a model. She called friends, wrote down names and addresses and within a few minutes Dorothy was headed for the artist's colony, filled with hope and scared to death. In her confusion she rang a bell that was not on her list. The door opened and for the second time in that same amazing day, she was told she would make a good model. The man who told her was the late Paul Lehmann, a first rate painter. Lehmann taught her the techniques of posing and secured for her work with other artists.

Modeling has given Dorothy a liberal education in art and an unusual insight into the people who create it. "You must have a little of the artist in you, a sense of composition in order to get the feel of the work, to be able to pose satisfactorily," she says. Artists are as moral as any other people, she insists. "You must create an atmosphere in order to have sex, and an art class is wholly impersonal. Students' thoughts and motives are as artistic as a doctor's is scientific. However, modeling is not for the shy and timid," she warns.

Dorothy has been painted in every color from golden bronze to ebony, with blues and deep purples thrown in. For her, modeling is fun as well as work. Invitations to parties and meeting famous and exciting people are all part of the job. Very vividly she remembers a cocktail party to which she and her boy friend were invited. Entering the door, they came face to face with a large nude, which to her embarrassment, she recognized as a painting of herself—a recent and valuable purchase by her hostess. Feeling that some remark was in order, her escort observed dryly: "The bracelet is familiar!"

What does it take to make a model? Dorothy's dimensions:

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Weight	138 pounds
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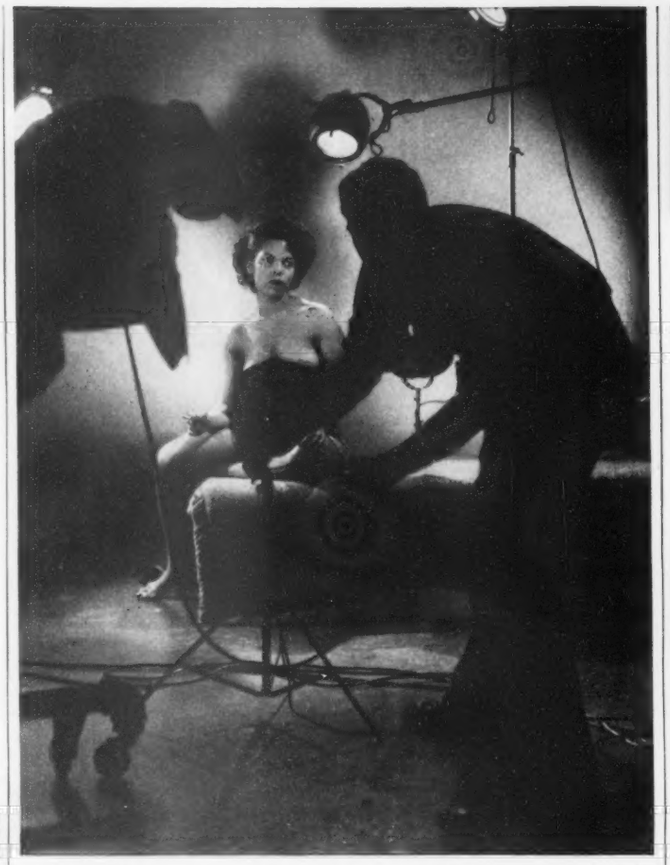
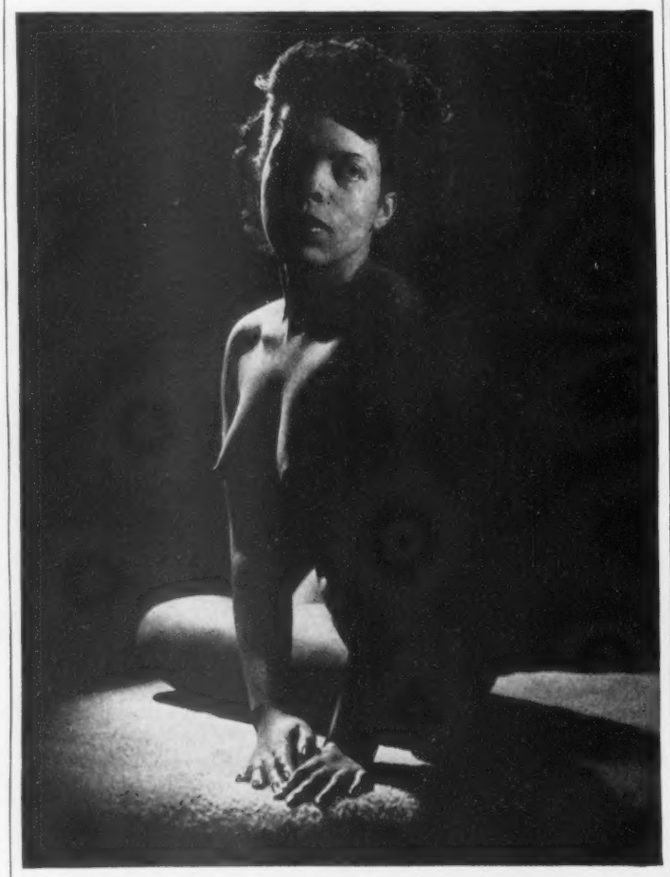


In photo studio, Dorothy Sutton poses for artistic nude pictures. She has also worked for advertising accounts, once posed for skin whitener product. During the war she clerked for while in government offices but never gave up modeling.



Being beautiful and photogenic is an asset for posing for photographers, but although Dorothy has both, she prefers modeling for life classes. Photog Gordon Parks is the only Negro she has posed for, aside from students at Art Institute.

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